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RECORD HAUL

Pandemonium Among Chinese Passengers As Search Party Pounces

CONTRABAND TOTALS 35 TONS

A record seizure of 35 tons of unmanifested cargo was made by Revenue Officers under Chief Preventive Officer J. W. MacIntyre Brown on board the China Navigation Company's ss. "Sinkiang" yesterday afternoon.

According to Mr. E. Himsworth, Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Department, the unmanifested cargo was discovered just before the ship was about to sail for Amoy. The assistance of the Revenue Department was immediately invoked by the hoisting of the newly introduced flags "E," "H" and "C".

A squad of Preventive Officers rushed to the ship, which was moored to Buoy 14. After boarding her, they were informed of the presence of unmanifested cargo as well as goods on the prohibited list of exports.

As it was impossible to unload the large quantity of goods in midstream Chief Preventive Officer MacIntyre Brown instructed the Captain to take his ship alongside the Custodian Wharf, where the vessel was met by a special search party.

Contraband cargo which was already piled up on deck at the stern of the ship was unloaded and placed on board waiting lorries.

Meanwhile, the search was continued and with each passing minute, more and more contraband cargo came to light.

The Cargo

The cargo seized consisted of cases of "Sunkist" oranges, IXL tinned fruit, Klim, milk powder, cigarettes, Chinese herbs, kerosene and cardboard boxes.

All the seized cargo was taken to the Import and Export Department, the corridors of which, when seen by a "China Mail" reporter late last night, resembled a godown, with goods of all types stacked almost roof high. Special guards were on duty inside and outside the building to prevent any attempt at pilfering.

Chief Preventive Officer MacIntyre Brown told the "China Mail" that all available Revenue Officers, including those off duty, were recalled to assist in yesterday's large scale clean up.

A special Police Party was also present to prevent any outbreak of trouble.

When the cargo was seized none of the passengers came forward to lay claim to the goods. But when it became obvious that the Revenue Officers meant "business," pandemonium broke and the scene that followed resembled that of a shipwreck.

Scramble

Men and women, including well-dressed, modern Chinese girls, started to scramble over the sides of the "Sinkiang" and jump on to the wharf, while personal belongings were thrown overboard and lay strewn all over the wharf.

The "China Mail" was informed that this is the second big haul of unmanifested cargo by the Revenue Department this year. The last seizure was made on board the ss "Foochow" and amounted to some seven tons.

Preventive Officers searching the ss "Hunan" which arrived in port yesterday from Swatow also discovered a large quantity of unmanifested cargo.

Japanese Warships In Port

The second group of seven ex-Japanese warships drawn by the United Kingdom arrived in Hong Kong yesterday, en route for Singapore. Their arrival was slightly delayed by engine trouble to one destroyer.

While most of them fueled in the eastern anchorage, off the mouth of Kowloon Bay, two steamed through the harbour to take on supplies off Ynumati, attracting considerable attention from the lunch-time ferry crowds.

One of these was the dingy, dirty destroyer "Yukaze," built in 1921, and originally carrying four 4.7 inch guns, 2 antiaircraft guns, and six twin torpedo-tubes. In her day, the "Yukaze" could do a useful 34 knots.

She was one of 15 built in the "Akikaze" class, noteworthy as being the only destroyers in any navy to have torpedo-tubes mounted forward of the bridge. The exact reason for having these in such a position was lost on Western designers. The mounting was not a success in anything of a seaway.

The other vessels include three destroyer escorts—intended for somewhat similar duties to the frigates of the Royal Navy—and three Escort Vessels, of somewhat similar function to sloops, but much smaller than their equivalents in the Royal Navy. One of the destroyer escorts, the "Sumire," burst a boiler tube on the way down from Japan.

Escorting them is the naval auxiliary "Haynkazi," with an American liaison officer in charge. Flyng the Japanese Mercantile Marine flag, they will leave for Singapore in a day or so. The Japanese officers and crews will be repatriated to Japan in the "Haynzaki" when the vessels are turned over to the British authorities.

Exactly what the Navy will do with these ships is not known in Hong Kong. All are in pretty bad shape and do not come up to the standards of the Royal Navy. To use the pungent comment of one matelot who watched the "Yukaze" come in yesterday—"Cor, a moving scrap heap!"

Washington, Aug 1.

The Army Air Forces disclosed today it had only about 90 days supply of aviation gasoline on hand because of the heavy demand for petrol by commercial planes.—Associated Press.

PERFIDIOUS BRITISH!

Shanghai, Aug. 1.

Denouncing the smuggling activities "conducted by" British merchant ships plying between Canton and Hong Kong, Mr. Li Yuan-liang, Secretary-General of the National Federation of Shipping Guilds, in an interview with Central News today urged the Government to take "drastic steps to put an immediate end to those systematic intrigues."

Mr. Li said that the Federation will petition the Government to conduct a thorough investigation into the large scale smuggling case involving CN$3,000,000,000 worth of goods carried by the British-owned river steamer "Fatshan."

The case was uncovered on July 25 by the Canton Anti-Smuggling Corps and Customs officials. The smuggled goods, packed in 206 boxes, included medicines, automobile spare parts, dyestuffs, glass and paper.

Mr. Li also said that the Federation will request the Government to prohibit foreign ships to navigate on the Pearl River. As the Pearl River is China's inland river, navigation in the river "is evidently a flagrant violation of China's shipping rights," he said.

Mr. Li deplored the "fact" that since the surrender of foreign shipping privileges in China, foreign shipping merchants have made "repeated attempts to infringe upon the integrity" of China's shipping rights through "various contrivances," such as the "alleged organization of a shipping company under the guise of Chinese ownership" and the "prevailing smuggling activities."—Central News.

LORD NATHAN TO VISIT HONG KONG

London, Aug. 1.

Lord Nathan, Minister of Civil Aviation, is due to arrive in Hong Kong on Sept. 16. He left England yesterday for Australia, where he will head the United Kingdom delegation to the South Pacific Air Transport meeting in Canberra.

Lord Nathan will leave Hong Kong on Sept. 17 for Nanking, where he will remain until Sept. 21. He will return Home via Siam and Ceylon.—Reuter.

Nanking Ban On Imports

Nanking, Aug. 1.

The National Economic Council decided to save US$7,370,000 for China by restricting imports of kerosene, cotton, tobacco, gasoline and wool in the three months of August, September and October, competent sources said today.

Because of the amount expected to be saved the council decided to earmark US$500,000,000 foreign exchange for the purchase of books and laboratory equipment abroad for Chinese universities.

The council also decided to raise the quarterly quota of foreign exchange for the purchase of capital goods and machine parts from US$1,600,000 to US$2,000,000.

The council further resolved that about US$27,000,000 worth of cotton and food may be imported into China during the three months of August, September and October but this must not be paid for out of the government's foreign exchange. If possible these goods are to be obtained by barter and other appropriate methods.

The council's decisions are subject to approval by the Executive Yuan.—Associated Press.

U.S. SUPPLIES FOR GREECE

Athens, July 31.

The United States aid mission today announced that five shiploads of supplies, including considerable United States military equipment, would reach Greece within 10 days.—United Press.

Pearl Harbour Down I

Tokyo, Aug. 1.

Kota Baru, in Malaya, and not Pearl Harbour, was the first Allied point to be attacked by the Japanese on December 8th, 1941.

This small town on the north-western coast of Malaya saw a Japanese landing quite some time before the Japanese aircraft came over Pearl Harbour, according to information supplied by the International War Crimes Tribunal.

The Tribunal has also submitted evidence to Dr. Evatt that Emperor Hirohito was directly and solely responsible for the decision to wage war against Britain and the United States.

An extract from the 4,000-page diary of Marquis Kido, Keeper of the Privy Seal and the Emperor's closest adviser, states categorically that Hirohito ordered the war. The Imperial Japanese Navy wished to avtid the threatened war, and Kido was thereupon ordered by the Emperor to "proceed as planned."

0120 Hours

The Japanese began shelling the port of Kota Baru at 0120 hours on December 8 and after a 20-minute bombardment, the first Japanese troops went ashore.

The first attack against Pearl Harbour was not made until 0325 hours, or one hour and 45 minutes later.

Ground opposition at Kota Baru was negligible, but the Japanese troops first met with their opposition from the British air forces stationed in Malaya. It is now believed here that the first casualties among the Allies were Australian airmen from Malayan airfields.—Reuter.

GOLD FOR HONG KONG?

Macao, Aug. 1.

A third shipment of 25,000 ounces of Mexican gold was brought here by a Cathay Pacific Airways plane from Manila yesterday. On Tuesday and Wednesday, two Trans-Asiatic aircraft arrived here from Manila with a total of 25,000 ounces of Mexican gold.

Local gold traders are making applications for the re-export of the majority of the newly arrived gold to Hong Kong.—Central News.

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Managed Currency Within 1947?

Nanking, Aug. 1.

The United Credit Information Bureau, organ of four government banks, quoting an authoritative official source, said today that China might issue a "new managed currency within this year.

The report, carried by what was considered to be an authoritative semi-official source of economic news, came as a surprise to most observers. It came in the midst of persistent rumours that the government is contemplating the issuing of new currency which in all cases were countered by prompt official denials.

It is a fact that many high government officials, (including some at the economic policy-making level) have openly advocated the issuance of new currency as one of the best means of solving China's chaotic economic conditions, though they cautiously point out that it is a dangerous course unless it is carried out with extreme care and under extremely favourable circumstances.

It was known that Chen Chitien, Economic Minister, had suggested to the Wedemeyer mission that a new currency is a good panacea for the spiraling inflation.

The United Credit Information Bureau said the issuance of new currency will have deep repercussions and the government is expected to proceed cautiously.

Not Good

It said the source thought that a gold standard is unfeasible for China since that would have to be accompanied by free foreign exchange. Free foreign exchange might lead to China's loss of capital.

It was not definitely known whether the subject of obtaining an American loan to support the contemplated new currency is under discussion between the Chinese government and the Wedemeyer mission. But it is the general belief among unofficial and official quarters that American gold or silver would be an absolute necessity in the issuance of new currency.

One Cabinet Minister told the United Press that the only bottleneck which is holding up the new currency is the "lack of capital."

How Much?

Another high official source, when asked by the United Press how much China needs to support the new currency, replied that it needs between US$500,000,000 and US$1,000,000,000.

He pointed out that Premier Chang Chun's new economic plan also provided currency reforms at the proper time.—United Press.

PALESTINE TENSION

TERRORIST ATTACK ON ARMY GUNPOST

ARMOURED CARS GO ON A RAMPAGE

Tension in Palestine, following the discovery on Thursday of the booby-trapped bodies of the two British Army sergeants murdered by Irgun continues at a high pitch. American news agency reports speak of armoured cars, manned by enraged Britons, careering through Tel Aviv on Thursday night, shooting up the town. It is reported four Jews were killed and at least 15 injured.

In Jerusalem yesterday afternoon, an army outpost was attacked. Only the barest details were available at the time of going to press, but an official announcement says one terrorist was killed. There were no British casualties. The reaction of the House of Commons to the news that the two Sergeants had been killed by Jewish terrorists is described on Page 5.

One Killed

Jerusalem, Aug. 1.

Four extremists attacked a guhpost guarding the Hampshire battalion's barracks in Jerusalem at 2 p.m. today. One of the terrorists was killed.

An official statement says that several bombs were thrown at the military checking point on Rehavia Street. There were no Army casualties and no damage was caused.

The blasts of the explosions, heard over a wide area, were accompanied by bursts of machine-gun fire.

The warning sirens wailed for 15 minutes and all gates into the security zone were closed.

Tel Aviv Shot Up

Last night, armoured cars, manned by enraged British crews, shot up the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv.

A United Press correspondent reports that he saw the bodies of five Jews in the Hadassah Hospital morgue after the outbreak. Official casualty figures are not yet available.

British police in approximately eight armoured cars swept through the Jewish centre, firing wildly and sending shots into shops and movie houses. At about the same time, wild shrieks of alarm sirens startled thousands of fearful Jews from their sleep. The all-clear came in 10 minutes.

The outbreak occurred in Ben Yehuda Street, off Edion Square, in which the terrorists had threatened to hang the two Britons.

First reports of the shooting said soldiers as well as police were involved but the Army denied that any of its men took part and said police armoured cars were responsible.—United Press.

Four Dead

Jerusalem, Aug. 1.

Four Jews were killed and at least 15 injured by the shooting from the armoured cars.

Spraying of two buses by gunfire caused most of the casualties, the source said.

Three persons were killed in one bus and one in another. At one time, eight armoured cars opened fire with their guns at once.

The violent outbreak followed an attack by five British soldiers who jumped from a jeep and began attacking Jewish passersby with sticks and stones.—Associated Press.

TRADE WITH JAPAN ON LIMITED BASIS

Nanking, August 1.

China will reopen commercial relations with its old enemy Japan on a strictly limited basis, the State Council, the nation's top policy-making body, decided today.

The Council, approving the Kuomintang Political Council's recommendations, said Sino-Japanese trade would have three provisions:

1—A joint Government commercial delegation will visit Japan within 15 days to investigate commercial possibilities;

2—Exports to Japan will exclude such Chinese products as are urgently needed at home.

3—Whenever possible Japanese products desired in China will be obtained as war reparations.

A Ministry of Economic Affairs source said China seek to get Japan twice as much as it purchased from Japan in order to preserve China's foreign exchange.

The State Council at the same meeting approved Premier Chang Chun's revised economic plan—a programme consisting of governmental economies, on one hand, to increase production, and on the other to improve China's unfavourable economic plight.

It was learned from the Economic Affairs Ministry that the Chinese Government plans to assist China's producers and exporters to enable them to compete successfully with Japanese trade in South Seas areas.—Associated Press.

The Weather

A weak anticyclone is centred over Shantung and another to the SE of Japan. Pressure is relatively high over the equatorial regions. A depression over the Sea of Japan is moving NE. Pressure is low over W China.

Today's Forecast:—Light or moderate SW winds, mainly fair.

Yesterday's Weather:—

Maximum: 89.3 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 78.3 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 10.4 hours.
Rainfall: 8.8 mm. = 0.41 inch. Total since Jan. 1—1581.7 mm. as against an average of 1258.0 mm.

	Readings at	
	10.6.a.m.	4 p.m.
Baro. at m.s.l.	1010.3	1009.4 m.b.
Equiv.	29.84	29.79 inches
Rel. Humidity	82	74 %
Dew Point	79	75 deg. F.
Wind Direction	WSW.	WSW.
Wind Force	3	3 knots

Jews Beginning To Weaken

Port du Bouc, July 31.

The official total of Jewish immigrants who have so far disembarked from the three British ships lying off this Mediterranean port has risen to 31, with about 10 more unofficially reported to have requested to be brought ashore sometime today.

Two boatloads of food were taken out to the ships today. The harbour master reported that arrangements had been made to refuel the ships, but the necessary coal had not yet arrived.

Today the ships were still lying two kilometers offshore under a blazing sun.

The immigrants on board could be seen bathing under the ships' hoses on decks.

A Letter

A Jewish doctor who returned from one ship, the "Ocean Vigour" last night smuggled ashore a letter stated to be from the immigrants describing conditions on board.

Written in German, the letter said that there had been no complaints about the personal behaviour of the guards, but the refugees demanded more food, the removal of wire cages, the appointment of a Red Cross officer to each of the ships and immediate return to Haifa.

Overcrowding and the lack of ventilation were also grounds for complaint.—Reuter.

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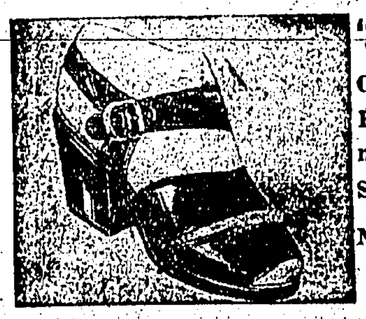

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Today's Events

August 2—Douglas SS. Co. Ltd. annual meeting, 11 a.m.

Coming Events

August 7—HK & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd. annual
August 7—Inaugural meeting of HK. Council of Women, YWCA. Duddell St., 5.15 p.m.
August 12—HK & S'hai Hotels annual meeting, noon.

Personalia

Alfred E. Daff, Vice-President of Universal-International Films, Inc., arrives today from New York via Manila by the Philippine Air Line. He is accompanied by his Far Eastern Supervisor, Mr. M. Berghen.

They will be met at Kai Tak Airport by the Universal local Manager, Mr. Ginarn Lao, who will give a tiffin reception in honor of Mr. Daff's visit to the colony at the Jacobean Room, Hongkong Hotel immediately after his arrival at one o'clock.

A number of Mr. Daff's old friends are invited, including Sir Shou-son Chow, the Chairman of King's Theatre, Mr. D. L. Ballantyne, Second Vice-President and Manager of the Chase Bank, Messrs. Liang Chi-Hao and K. L. Chang, both managing Directors of the King's Mr. George Y. K. Sun, General Manager of the King's, Mr. Charles S. Rossetet, General Manager of the Alhambra, Mr. Harold Lee, Proprietor of the Lee Theatre, Mr. Wu Shun Tak, General Manager of the Queen's, Mr. Terry Lang, General Manager of the Central, Mr. P. C. Lee, General Manager of the Hong Nin Bank, and many others.

In the evening Sir Shou-son Chow will give Mr. Daff a Chinese dinner at the Kam-Ling Restaurant.

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Peninsula Hotel arrivals on Thursday included Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Silver, Bryn Skaugen, Mrs. Olga D. Hansen, Capt. and Mrs. J. Weston, Fred E. Castleberry, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Berge, J. Vitlin, R. M. Roberts, A. A. Shirazee, G. L. Schibler, Eugene Hill, Mr. and Mrs. W. Norquny.

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Peninsula Hotel departures on Thursday included Mr. and Mrs. D. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Ducurior, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clarkin, R. B. Landis, Mrs. J. R. Davis, Mrs. E. T. Jones, J.G. O'Donnell, Stanley Lloyd, Dr. V. H. Uttley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee, D. E. Kermode.

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For Singapore: — Shewarram Kishinchand, Dhunjisha S. Panday, L. Shewakram, K. C. Nair, Vincent Yu, Goodwin Schibler, M T. Assoumull, G. F. Khanchandan, Mrs. Rukmani Assoumull.

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At the registry yesterday, John Alois Vaple baker on the ss. "General Meigs," was married to Miss Annie Lloyd. Witnesses were Mr. Albert Gilbert and Miss Esther May.

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The forthcoming wedding of Alfred Brian Palmer, mariner, to Miss Caroline May Cooley is announced.

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The following arrived on Thursday's BOAC flying-boat from Singapore and Bangkok:

Messrs. D. Buchanan, R. M. Roberts, J. Pearson, Chua Tuksue, J. Fenron, J. Vitlin, Sherazee, Lim Cheet-ghee, Lim Soo-siam, G. F. Miller, G. H. Pflug, Col. A. F. Lovell, Capt. Crewdson, Capt. E. A. Fisher, Mrs. Tan Kim-lang, Mrs. Ku Kung, Mrs. Tsui Yeh-moi and Mrs. Chong Chin.

The BOAC Speedbird flying-boat which left for Foole and intermediate ports on Thursday carried: Dr. Uttley, Major S. M. Churn, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ducurior, E. F. Hardman, Fung Chien and R/O C. Bell. Also aboard the same aircraft for Bangkok was Mr. Stinnan.

THE PC AND THE "WIFE"

Kwok Kau, odd job man in the Naval Yard, was the complainant when P.C. 2720 Yeung Yuk Shing, attached to Central Police Station was summoned before Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday with having had improper relations with his wife.

The magistrate held that there was no evidence to show that the woman was complainant's wife and dismissed the summons.

DETECTIVE CHARGED WITH DEMANDING WITH MENACE

The alleged beating-up of a man by Detective So Chong-ting with a pair of handcuffs and then with the barrel of a revolver to enforce a demand for $2,500 was described by DSI J. Johnston, Special Branch investigator, to a packed Court at Kowloon yesterday.

So Chong-ting was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer with demanding with menaces the sum of $2,500 from Lei Hei on May 21 and with assaulting Lei Hei on the same date. Defendant was represented by Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones.

Outlining his case, DSI Johnston said that Lei Hei was the owner of a boat (No. 2722B) which was under the control of his kept-woman, Chung Maw-law, while defendant was a member of the Larceny Squad.

At about 2.30 p.m. on May 21, Lei was passing the Tung Fong Restaurant with his elder brother, Lei Fuk-yau, when accused came out of the cafe, grabbed hold of Lei Hei and belaboured him with a pair of handcuffs. Defendant, it was alleged, then put the handcuffs on complainant and poked him in the ribs with the barrel of a revolver.

So Chong-ting, said DSI Johnston, asked Lei whether he had dredged any of the opium which Government dumped about a month before (April). He was not satisfied when complainant replied in the negative. He pushed Lei, still handcuffed, into the Tung Fong Restaurant and made Lei wait until he had finished his meal.

After the bill had been paid, continued the prosecuting officer, Lei was asked to go to the Police Station. On the way to the Station, complainant was again asked whether he had dredged any opium and again replied in the negative. He was then asked to give $2,500 to save himself from a prison term and banishment. Lei Hei replied that he had no money.

At this juncture, continued DSI Johnston, a man known as Kwok Ngau (who had since disappeared) intervened and told accused that if complainant was released he would ensure the payment of $2,500. The detective agreed and Lei Hei was released.

The following day, continued DSI Johnston, Kwok Ngau called on the complainant for the money, but Lei was able to raise only $1,100, which he delivered to defendant in the Shanghai Restaurant in the presence of Kwok and another man called Cheung Tim. For the money, complainant received a parcel and the assurance that there would be no more trouble.

When Lei Hei got back to his house he opened the newspaper parcel to discover that it contained tickets for a small-ball game to be played in an open ground. These tickets, pointed out DSI Johnston, were issued by the Chinese Physical Culture Association and were marked "Not for sale."

"Not For Sale"

Cross-examined by Mr. Hugh-Jones, after he had given evidence on the lines of the prosecution's opening, Lei Hei said that his boat measured about 4 feet by 13 feet and plied within the Harbour limits. He did not know where the opium was dumped nor that Government never dumped opium within the waters of the harbour.

It was not true, said witness, that he was fighting with another man when arrested by accused. Neither was it true that defendant took him into the Tung Fong Restaurant just to settle the bill. Accused had not even ordered his meal, said witness, and he had to wait a long time in the restaurant.

In reply to another question, witness declared that he did not know the shop he was brought into by accused as he could not read. He further stated that he did not collaborate with accused during the Japanese occupation. Accused was unknown to him before the alleged assault.

Told His Wife

Lei Fuk-lau, brother of complainant, frankly admitted that when he saw his younger brother being assaulted he made no attempt to protect him but ran to the other side of the road. After accused had pulled his brother inside the restaurant, he went home and told his wife to go to the Tung Fong to find out what was the matter.

Chan Tai, newsboy plying his trade outside the Tung Fong, declared that he saw complainant being assaulted by defendant with a pair of handcuffs and then the muzzle of a revolver. Lei Hei's left arm was twisted behind his back by the assailant, said witness, who went on to state that after the assault complainant was forced into the restaurant by the accused.

There was a large crowd, said witness to Mr. Hugh-Jones, and he could not see whether complainant was handcuffed when he was made to go into the restaurant. He saw the handcuffs being used at the beginning because there was no crowd at that time. Neither the complainant nor the defendant was known to him at the time of the incident.

After formal evidence of arrest had been given by Sgt.-Major Iu Muk and DSI Johnston further hearing was adjourned until Aug. 8.

It Rained In June

As in June, July showed considerable excess of rainfall and deficit of sunshine, says the Director of the Royal Observatory, in his monthly report. Nearly one third of the total rain fell on the first day of the month, and over half the sunshine occurred in two bright spells in the first and last weeks. During a period of strong winds on 18th—19th there were occasional gusts to gale force.

The month's figures and departures are follows:—

Rainfall—579.6 mm., 195.2 mm. above average.

Sunshine—164.5 hrs., 45.1 hrs. below average.

Mean relative humidity—88%, 5% above average.

Mean dew point—78°F, 2°F above average.

Mean temperature — 81.6°F 0.6°F below average.

Maximum temperature—90.2°F on 7th.

Minimum temperature—73.9°F on 1st.

NOISY HAWKERS FINED

Hillwood Road residents might (or might not) enjoy quieter nights now as the result of action taken by S/I Dow at 10.35 p.m. on Thursday against Lau Mun-tong, 33, "wun tun" noodle hawker, found creating a din by striking two pieces of wood against each other to draw attention to his noodles.

Lau was fined $10 when he appeared before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged under Ordinance 40 of 1932, Section 6.

Two itinerant hawkers arrested by S/I North at Hillwood Road and Salisbury Road, one by Police Lance-Corporal 1084, and one by PCC 1192, for breach of the same Ordinance were fined $10 each with the exception of a 15-year-old youth who was discharged.

Lam Ping, 27, and Ng Yeung, 22, were fined $10 each for calling out their wares at 1 a.m. yesterday at Shanghai Street. They were charged by S/I Dow, under sub-section 1 of Section 13 of Ordinance 40, for breach of their licence conditions.

S/I C. J. Askew prosecuted in all cases.

Readers' Letters

Hongkongitis

Sir,—I am aware of an irritable germ commonly referred to as Hongkong Foot but wonder whether there is a much more malignant growth known as Hongkongitis?

I have only been in the Colony three weeks after an absence of eight or nine years and I am amazed to find no change whatsoever in the general attitude of the populace. The snobbery, the smugness, the lack of tolerance and the 'doing you a favour to stop and say a few words' are all back after many years of war service. The worst culprits appear to be those who spent the war years pleasantly in Alexandria, Bombay, Colombo and Delhi. Having doffed my uniform I find a number of these 'friends' carefully avoiding me and I wonder whether being of mixed parentage hasn't something to do with it?

Previously when serving as an officer in the R.A.F. (Pilot Parachutist) there were no barriers as far as joining clubs, etc were concerned, now I presume it would be impossible to join any of the 'pukka' clubs, and I wonder if this policy is not a trifle short-sighted with fresh disturbances looming in the horizon. In another War people like myself might be required again and I only hope the propaganda machine can churn out something really attractive!

To my mind this ostrich-like attitude has a great deal to do with the disintegration of the Empire and I am beginning to realise why so many Eurasians prefer to be known as Chinese, however I prefer to face the issue rather than circumvent it.

Is it Hongkongitis?

L. H. WADE.

EXHUMATION FEE $5.10

The Urban Council has fixed the fee of $5 for each permit for private exhumations in Chinese cemeteries and a fee of $10 for each permit for private exhumations in the Colonial Cemetery.

These fees were approved by the Legislative Council on July 31 and will come into force on Aug. 8.

Evidence Struck Off

A review of a case in which a sanitary inspector, Kwok Hon Ming, was recently sentenced to two months' hard labour, on four counts of accepting a bribe of $50, was stopped yesterday because a witness had not been cautioned that the evidence he was giving might be used against him at a later date.

The witness, Tse Wing Yiu, known as Lam Yu, supposed to be employed by the Wing Wah Co. as a clerk, when he was really working for Mr. Shattain.

Under cross-examination by Mr. da Silva, Tse admitted that he had on a previous occasion given evidence under an assumed name. Witness denied that he went to the dispensary in Kowloon and threatened a woman, Tam Man-oi, with arrest if she did not give evidence in this case. Witness admitted that he told the woman he would take her to Police Headquarters, but said there was no need to threaten her as she was willing to give evidence.

Questioned by Mr. Sainsbury as to why he used a false name, Tse said he was instructed to do so by Insp. Morrison, of the Special Branch.

At this stage in the proceedings, witness was told by Mr. Sainsbury that before the admission that he had given a false name, he should have been cautioned that he need not answer as the evidence might be used against him at a later date. He was now entitled to have the whole evidence struck off the record. Witness requested that the evidence be struck off the record.

In view of this, defendant was discharged.

Union Insurance Celebration

Members of Hong Kong's business community attended the cocktail party given by the Directors and management of the Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd. yesterday in their offices in Union Building, to celebrate the return of the Company's Head Office to Hong Kong.

The pioneer of insurance business in the Far East, the Union Insurance Co. is older than Hong Kong itself. It set itself up in Canton as far back as 1835, and through the years that followed it worked itself up to become one of the largest insurance concerns in the Far East.

The Company moved its Head Office to Australia early in 1941 when the gathering war clouds prompted the Directors to make this move. As a result, the Company was able to function throughout the war years.

CATHEDRAL DONATIONS

The following is a list of donations to St. John's Cathedral Restoration Fund received up to July 31 which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

E. M. Rogers (Mrs. C. Rogers) $159.33, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stevens $25, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ching $100, Miss E. A. Kerlle $15, J. A. R. May $100, "In Memoriam" $25, Restoration Box $7.50. Total $431.83.

Received up to July 24 and already acknowledged $119,073.

Total donations received up to July 31 $119,504.83.

Whiteaway Salesman Bound Over

Charged with having between July 28 and 30 converted to his own use the sum of $261, the property of Mr. Forder, his employer, Hau Chi Ming, 35, salesman of Whiteaway Laidlaw's, was bound over in the sum of $250 for 12 months by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

For the prosecution, S. I. Bentley informed the court that defendant was a salesman of Whiteaway's and had been in their service since 1932.

On divers date defendant had sold a number of sheets, pillow cases and sets of locks, and had converted the money to his own use.

Defendant had been very loyal and had done much for the company during the Japanese occupation. He had an aged mother, who was ill. He was a married man and it was his first offence.

Mr. Forder, who was in court, told the magistrate that all that had been said of defendant was correct.

His Worship to defendant: "You are very lucky to have an employer who speaks so highly of you. Your own statement that you had no intention of committing the act does not carry any weight. Due to the good words put in by your employer I shall bind you over in the sum of $250 for 12 months."

WAR MEMORIAL

H. K. Wong Distillery $100, Dr. and Mrs. F. I. Tseung $100, Messrs. P. D. Gotla and Co. $100. In memory of Mr. E. J. Annett from the Council and Committee of the Helena May Institute $50, In memory of Mr. E. J. Annett from Mr. J. A. Furrer $50, Mr. and Mrs. S. Grove $50, In memory of Mr. E. J. Annett:—from R. H. Sutton $25, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Casaldy $25, Miss M. Matheson $20, In memory of Miss Ng Yuet Kuen from Mr. Wong Chi Hoi $20, In memory of the late Mr. E. J. Annett:—Mr. and Mrs. Ho Ga Yu $40, Tsui Man Ching $10, Mui Hoh Kwong $10, Ho Nai Tong $10, Cheng Kim Wan $10, Yu Yat Lin $10, Chow Lim $10, Lee Pui Ng $10 and Mr. and Mrs. D. Noronha $20. Total $670, Hong Kong Government Contribution $670, Received to July 30th, 1947 $2,038,781.86, Grand Total $2,040,121.86.

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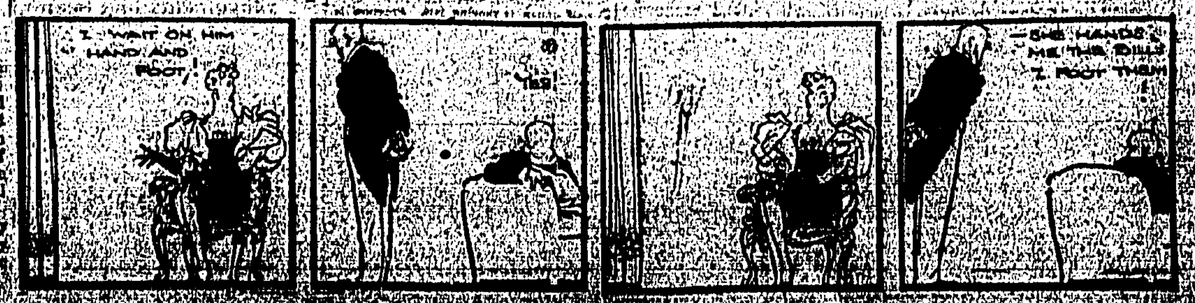

Indonesian Capital Fall This Week-End

US Mediation Offer Accepted

Batavia, Aug. 1.

Dutch troops, racing another 30 miles, are within 70 miles of the Indonesian capital of Jogjakarta, on the Island of Java, the official Dutch communique announced today. They may be in the city before the week-end.

By-passing Tjilitjap, but taking Banjoemas, the Dutch forces sped forward yesterday and occupied Pokwaredja, 70 miles north-west of Jogjarkarta, the communique said.

Official Royal Dutch Army reports said that behind them Dutch troops could see tongues of flame shooting from Tjilitjap and rolling clouds of black smoke, showing that the big oil storage tanks there have been touched off.

This port was also the scene of a recent Dutch naval action, indicating that as Dutch troops move forward naval ships are also pushing along the coast to land aid when needed.

The Dutch communique said Chinese caught between the warring forces are fearful for their lives and are pouring in towns from the countryside seeking protection.—United Press.

Mediation

Lake Success, July 31.

The United States today offered to mediate in the Indonesian conflict. The Netherlands, accepting the offer, announced it also would invite a "number of other governments" to make an on-the-spot investigation of the war between the Dutch and Indonesian forces.

The Dutch and United States offers were disclosed to the Security Council late tonight at the end of one of its most important sessions.

In an apparent effort to avert a serious fight over United Nations right to act in the Indonesian warfare, Dr van Kleffens advised the Council that the Netherlands was ready to get other countries to inspect the situation in all Dutch East Indies as well as in the Indonesian trouble spots.

The acting American delegate, Herschel Johnson, then disclosed that the United States had offered only today to mediate in the dispute in an effort to halt the hostilities, which had been laid before the United Nations as a "breach of world peace."—United Press.

Accepted

Delhi, Aug. 1.

Former Premier Sutan Sjahrir of the Indonesian Republic said on Thursday that his government would accept any impartial arbitration of the issues causing hostilities with the Dutch in the Netherlands East Indies.

He said the Republic would abide by the decisions of the United Nations Security Council with regard to obligations, duties and responsibilities imposed by the United Nations charter. The Premier said he had been authorised to make the statement. — Associated Press.

HCL Index Boosted

Shanghai, Aug. 1.

A boost in the cost of living index for both salaried employees and workers in Shanghai was shown in the figures for July issued by authorities here.

The index for salaried employees was CNC$25,700 compared with CNC$19,700 for June.

The index for workers was CNC$28,700 compared with CNC$25,300 for June.

Most employers in Shanghai pay salaries and wages according to the cost of living index. Thus for every dollar of a worker's basic pay—his pay before the Sino Japanese war—he would receive in July CNC$28,700.

But that does not make him rich. Before the war a Chinese dollar was worth roughly 33 American cents. Today at the black market rate one American dollar is equal to over CNC$30,000.—Associated Press.

Opium Dens Raided

A specially constructed hut at Tung Tau Village, Kowloon City, was raided by a Police party headed by DSI Davies (Special Branch) on July 31 and found to contain four large beds on each of which were on opium pipe and lamp.

The keeper, 50-year-old Cheung Kwong, was fined $500 (or six months' hard labour) when he pleaded guilty to the charges of keeping a divan and possession of prepared opium. Of the 10 smokers arrested, nine were fined $20 (or three weeks' imprisonment) each, while the other had his bail of $25 estreated by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

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Another divan keeper, Tuen Kwan, 51, was fined $300, or three months' hard labour, by Mr. Blair-Kerr for using 380 Shanghai Street, second floor, as a dive and for possession of one tael of prepared opium. His five customers were fined $15 each.

Two pipes and two lamps were seized during the raid conducted by S/I Dow and Police party, on July 31.

"My Friend"

The ever-popular and much-maligned "my friend" was, after a noticeable absence, again introduced to Magistrate Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday by Cheung Hon, 40, as the man who told him, in Canton, to bring 24 taels of raw opium down to Hong Kong to sell.

As his "friend" was unavailable as a witness, Cheung had to bear the responsibility for the drug, found, according to R/O Carroll, hidden in the false cover of the leather suitcase he was carrying when searched by CRO 26 at the K.C.R. Station at 9.30 p.m. on Thursday.

His Worship gave defendant the alternative of paying a fine of $2,400 or doing a stretch of six months with hard labour.

Tang Pin, 45, widow, charged before Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday with larceny from the person, was sentenced to two months with hard labour.

For offering a bribe of $60 to Inspector Morrison with a view to influencing him to engage him as a private watchman, Cheng Choi, 35, unemployed, was remanded for three days in police custody when he appeared before Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday. D/Sgt. Waldron prosecuted.

Another War Trial

The trial of eight members of the Imperial Japanese Army will take place at No. 5 Military Court on Tuesday Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. They are Lt. Obata Chikuro, Warrant Officer Takayama Masao, W/O Yabuki Rikie, W/O Oda Tanpei, Sgt. Major Saruwatari Norishige, Sgt. Kebo Yoshiji, Sgt Sasaki Yoshizo, S/Pte. Watanabe Tamotsu.

The above Japanese are charged with committing a war crime in that they at the New Territories, Hong Kong, between the end of February, 1945, and Aug. 15, 1945, the accused Lieut. Obata Chikuro, as Commanding Officer and the other accused as members of the Sheung Shui District Kempeitai were allegedly concerned in the illtreatment of Chinese residents in the New Territories causing the death of some and physical suffering to others.

The Court will be under the presidency of Lt. Col. R.C. Laming with Major R.S. Butterfield and Capt. J. Benyon as members. Major Ormsby will act as prosecutor and a Japanese lawyer detailed and advised by Lt. D.C.J. Banfield will defend the accused.

SLAP HAPPY APPEALS

Before a full Court consisting of Sir Henry Blackall, C.J. the Puisne Judge Mr. E.H. Williams, and Mr. Justice Gould, Inouye Kanao (otherwise known as "Slap Happy") appeared yesterday for leave to appeal to the Privy Council.

Inouye was sentenced to death for treason at the Criminal Sessions and his subsequent appeal against conviction and sentence was not allowed by a full Court of Appeal.

Yesterday's case was adjourned to Monday, August 11 for the hearing of legal argument. Mr. Charles Loseby appeared for Inouye and Mr. A. Lonsdale for the Crown.

NO COMMENT

Tokyo, Aug. 1.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur made no comment today when handed a copy of an Associated Press dispatch in which Representative Van Zandt expressed belief that the Supreme Commander would return to the United States before the Republican convention and would be injected into the presidential contest.

The dispatch was placed on MacArthur's desk but after reading it the commander remained silent. — Associated Press.

May Britain Stops Arms Delivery To Dutch

Southampton, July 31.

Britain has now stopped the delivery of supplies and military equipment to the Dutch cargo vessel, "Sapardea," in Southampton Dock, which is due to sail soon for Indonesia.

This was a sequel to yesterday's statement in the House of Commons by Mr. Bevin that no more war material was to be supplied to the Dutch Government during military operations in Indonesia.

There is still a quantity of war equipment to be loaded on the "Saparden" which was handed over to the Dutch military authorities before Mr. Bevin's announcement. This does not fall within the ban imposed by the Government, nor does the war material already loaded on board the Dutch vessel.

The partially loaded "Sarpardea" will, it is understood, be the last cargo vessel to leave a British controlled port with war material for the Dutch Government while the fighting in Indonesia lasts.—Reuter.

Statement

London, Aug. 1.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that war materials already handed over to an agent of the Dutch in Britain before Britain decided to ban delivery of war supplies destined for Indonesia would not be withdrawn.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told the House of Commons that Britain had prohibited the supply of war materials from either Britain or her territories in the Far East for use in Indonesia.

The spokesman, referring to press reports that ships at Southampton still were being loaded with arms and stores for the Dutch government said:

"The ships were already partly loaded before the government announced its policy to stop supplies. Further supplies already had been handed over to the agent for the Dutch government and are being loaded on ships. Supplies which have not yet been handed over to the agent are being withheld."— United Press.

Work on the rehabilitation of Children's Playgrounds is under way and for the past two days workmen have been busily engaged in making preparations to fence in the Southorn Playground at Wanchai.

SEQUEL TO GUN DUEL IN SHAMSHUIPO

The gun duel between a Police party, under S/I D. E. Salter, and a lone gunman through the streets of Shamshuipo on the night of June 25, in the course of which a pedestrian was killed and two others wounded, was recalled before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday by DSI C. Dowman.

To Ming-tai alias To Lau, the alleged gunman, was charged before His Worship on two counts of possession of arms, one of shooting at a group of people including S/I Salter at Pelho Street, and two counts of armed robbery in Hong Kong.

With To Lau appeared To Sik on two charges of harbouring To Lau after the armed robbery and after the shooting, and Wong Lai alias Tai Koo-leung on the charge of possession of a pistol and 19 rounds of ammunition at 57 Wing Lok Street, second floor, on July 4.

Another accused, Leung Fong-ah, 18-year-old married woman, charged with harbouring To Lau at Li Uk Village was in hospital and unable to attend Court.

Presenting the facts of the case, DSI Dowman said that on the night of June 25, S/I Salter and a party of Emergency Unit personnel were on search duty at the Shamshuipo Ferry Wharf, Pelho Street. When the first accused was stopped he was seen by Constable 3391 to put his hand inside his girdle.

This constable, continued DSI Dowman, immediately grappled with the man but was thrown aside by him. Another constable, seeing To Lau with a gun in his hand, warned his comrades that the man was armed.

Gun Duel

First defendant, went on DSI Dowman, ran out of the wharf to Pelho Street firing, at the same time, at the constable led by S/I Salter. A gun duel ensued. At Haitan Street the fugitive again turned round and shot at S/I Salter but again missed. He disappeared down a side lane.

On July 4, continued DSI Dowman, he led a party of detectives to a hut in Li Uk Village where Lau was found. First accused frankly admitted that he was the man who was chased by the Police at Pelho Street but stated that he did not fire any shots. He also admitted, alleged DSI Dowman, being responsible for the armed robbery at the Lee On Watch Shop on June 8 and at the Kut Pik Restaurant, 125A Des Voeux Road Central, on May 30.

Continuing, DSI Dowman stated that first defendant brought him and the detectives to 57 Wing Lok Street, second floor, occupied by Wong Lai. She was not in at the time and the Police had to break in. Inside a box, a pistol and 19 rounds of ammunition were found. Wong was arrested when she returned to the flat later in the evening.

When arrested, To Sik stated that he asked To Lau to leave the hut on several occasions but the Police evidence was that he rented a part of the hut specifically for To Lau.

Gunshot Wound

When admitted to Kowloon Hospital at 6.25 p.m. on July 4, testified Dr. George Yeung, To Lau was suffering from a perforating gunshot wound in the upper part of his left arm. The entry wound was situated in the interior fold of the left axilla, and the exit wound (which was slightly larger than the entry one) was in the posterior part of the left deltroid region. His left elbow was fractured, concluded Dr. Yeung.

After corroborative evidence by members of the Police party at Pelho Street, hearing was adjourned until this morning.

At a previous hearing, DSI Dowman applied for leave to withdraw the charge of receiving against Mak Sui-hing, 30, married woman, and To Man, 33, flower hawker. The prosecuting officer also applied for the confiscation of $1,000 bail put up by Chui Hang, 24, master of motor junk "Fu Kwok Yat," who was also charged with receiving and who was then represented by Mr. A.S.P. Comber as Chiu could no longer be found.

Chang Fah-Kwei In Formosa

Taipeh, Aug. 1.

General Chang Fah-kwei, Director of the President's Canton Headquarters, arrived here by air from Shanghai yesterday, accompanied by his chief of staff General Li Han-chung.

General Chang has been in Nanking for some time discussing with the Central authorities the administration and development of Hainan Island which has been raised to the status of a province with General Chang himself as the first Governor.

The General will make a general survey of the industrial projects of Taiwan and gather material regarding Hainan Island left here by the Japanese, in preparation to assuming his new post.—Central News.

MONTY IN SYDNEY

Sydney, Aug. 1.

Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, arrived here from New Zealand and planned to leave for England on Friday for important conferences on Britain's manpower programme.

Lord Montgomery cut short his New Zealand visit and cancelled a trip to Japan because of the urgency of the impending task.—Associated Press.

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Notice to Members

Double Tenth Race Meeting, October 1947.

Tickets (at $2.— each) for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Kwangtung Handicap" which will be run at the above Meeting can be obtained at the office of the Treasurers; 1st Floor, Exchange Building, and also at the Branch Office in Nathan Road, Kowloon — over 50,000 Tickets sold to date.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,
Actg. Secretary.

ROYAL MARINES ASSOCIATION

A Meeting will be held on Thursday 7th August 1947, at 5.30 p.m. in the Office of Brook Bernacchi, Barrister at Law, Princes Building Des Voeux Road 2nd Floor to consider the formation of a branch of the Association in Hong Kong. The Chair will be taken by Brook Bernacchi. Serving and Ex Royal Marines of all ranks and Categories resident in the Colony are earnestly requested to attend.

(Sd) Brook Bernacchi.
(Address) Princes Building.
(To whom all Communications should be sent).

BANK HOLIDAY

The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Monday, the 4th August, 1947. (1st Monday in August).

NOTICE

The Philippine Consulate is temporarily opened for transaction of business at the Filippine Club, Kingis Park, Kowloon, from 1st August, 1947.

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THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-sixth Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday the 7th August, 1947, at Noon, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1946, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

NOTICE is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th July, 1947, to the 7th August, 1947, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

CHAS. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th July, 1947.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, 7th August, 1947, at 12.30 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary General Meeting to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following as Special Resolutions, viz:—

"(1) That the Authorised Capital of the Company (which is now $8,000,000.00 consisting of 160,000 shares of the nominal value of $50.00 each, of which 90,000 shares have been issued), be increased to $50,000,000.00 by the creation of 340,000 additional shares of the nominal value of $50.00 each, and that such shares be issued at such a time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit.

"(2) That Article 19 of the Company's Articles of Association be cancelled, and the following substituted therefor:—

'19.

Notwithstanding any of the provisions these Articles of Association no Shareholder shall without the sanction of the Directors be entitled at any time to be registered as the holder of more than one-tenth of the Capital of the Company issued for the time being. Provided nevertheless that the registration of a transfer of shares whereby the holding of any Shareholder is increased beyond the said amount shall be conclusive evidence that the sanction of the Directors to such increased holding has been given but shall not be evidence that the Directors have sanctioned any further increase by such Shareholder in his holding.'"

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that if the above resolution No. (1) is duly passed as a Special Resolution, it is the intention of the Board of Directors in accordance with the terms of the Special Resolutions passed on the 7th day of March, 1935, to offer as soon as possible after the 7th day of August, 1947, 70,000 new shares of the nominal value of $50.00 each, being the present unissued Capital of the Company, together with an additional 20,000 new shares of the nominal value of $50.00 each in accordance with the terms of the above Resolution, making a total of 90,000 new shares of the nominal value of $50.00 each, to the persons who on the 7th day of August, 1947, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the 90,000 issued shares in the Capital of the Company, in the proportion of one new share for each share held by them respectively, at a premium of $50.00 per share, and to propose, the following further Special Resolution:—

"(3) That the aforesaid 90,000 new shares shall be issued subject to the following conditions:—

(i) The amount due for such new shares shall be payable as follows:—

(a) On acceptance of the offer—$50.00 per share, being half the nominal value of $50.00 per share plus half the premium of $50.00 per share.

(b) On the 30th June, 1948

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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Interim Dividend of £2. 0. 0. per share (nett after deduction of Hong Kong Corporation Profits Tax) has been declared in respect of the year ending 31st December 1947, at a rate of 1/2 27/32d. per Dollar.

THIS DIVIDEND WILL BE PAYABLE on and after MONDAY 11th August at the offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY 28th July to SATURDAY 9th August (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A. MORSE,
Chief Manager

THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the fifty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, 5th. Floor P. & O. Building, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the Second of August, 1947 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of confirming the appointment of members of the Consulting Committee, to receive the Report of the General Managers, together with the Statements of Accounts for the periods 1st. January to 31st. December 1941 and from 1st. January 1942 to 31st. December 1946, to re-elect members of the Consulting Committee and to re-appoint Auditors.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 28th. July to 2nd. August both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 22nd. July 1947.

—the balance of $50.00 per share, being the remaining half of the nominal value plus the remaining half of the premium.

(c) Payment of the sum of $50.00 per share on acceptance of the offer shall be deemed to be the first call on such shares, and the balance of $50.00 per share shall be deemed to be the balance payable, within the meaning of Articles 34 to 43 of the Company's Articles of Association.

(ii) Subject to payments being made on the due dates, such new shares shall rank as partly paid shares from 1st January, 1948, and as fully paid shares from 1st July, 1948, participating in dividend for the period 1st January, 1948, to 31st June 1948, to the extent of one quarter, and for the period 1st July, 1948, to 31st December, 1948, to the extent of one half the amount declared for existing shares in respect of the year 1948, and thereafter ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares of the Company.

(iii) That where the shareholder so desires, the full sum of $100.00 per share may be paid up on acceptance of the offer, and in such event any shares on which the full sum shall have been paid up shall rank for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares of the Company as from 1st January, 1948."

The offer will be made by Notice sent by post to each shareholder, specifying the number of shares to which the shareholder is entitled, and such offer, if not accepted either on behalf of such shareholder or his nominee on or before 31st December, 1947, will be deemed to be declined.

Any of the shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's Shareholders in manner aforesaid shall be disposed of in such manner and at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion see fit.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

CHAS. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th July, 1947.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate which should be clearly marked "Tender for Charges — Transporting Coal", will be received at the Office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Public Works Department, until noon on Friday, 8th August, 1947, for the delivery of Coal required by the Government Slipway, Yaumati in lots of 200 tons in one delivery. Deliveries will be as requested during the period 1st September to 31st December, 1947.

Details of the charges should be sub-divided under the following headings:— (a) loading, (b) transport and (c) unloading. This sub-division to be clearly shown in the tenders.

Tenderers must attach to each tender a deposit receipt showing that they have deposited at the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of $500.00 as a pledge of the bona fides of their tenders which sum shall be forfeited to the Hong Kong Government if the successful tenderer fails or refuses to carry out his tender. The deposits will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, and reserves the right to accept all or any part of any tender.

Should the existing procedure for the control of fuel be discontinued during the period for which the tender is accepted, Government reserves the right to cancel such tender on one month's notice being given to the successful tenderer.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Dated: 1st August, 1947.

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NOTICE

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There will be 50 vacancies on the Vernacular side; and 25 on the English side. Students entering on the English side will be required to have reached a standard comparable to Matriculation.

Tuition is free, and a subsistence allowance is paid.

The date of returning completed application forms, obtainable from the undersigned, is now extended to Saturday, 9th August, 1947.

W. J. DYER,
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Ruhr Occupation Costs

No British Approach To America

Washington, July 31.

The State Department announced tonight that "the British Government has made no official or unofficial request to the United States Government for the United States to assume all or an increased share of the financial upkeep of the merged Anglo-American Zones of Germany."

The spokesman was commenting on London reports that the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, had told the Labour Party caucus that an appeal to the United States to agree to the cancellation of Britain's obligations under the bizonal agreement was one of the drastic economy measures now being planned by the British Government.

Such an appeal had been rumoured for many weeks here and the British Government is understood to have been anxious to discuss the question of finance at the coming Ruhr coal talks.

The spokesman made it clear that he was making a denial on the authority of Mr. Marshall, the Secretary of State, himself. That the matter was taken to this top level indicates, however, that anxious attention is being paid here to developing the British economic crisis.

"No News"

So far, there is no news of Britain having passed on to the United States any details of her reported plans to cut down military commitments in Europe, including Germany.

Great prominence, meanwhile, is being given to Sir Stafford Cripp's, trip to Paris to see Mr. Clayton, the United States Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs.

Authoritative sources said this meeting was aimed at:

1. Informing the United States of Britain's new plans to slash imports;

2. Warning that "Britain will temporarily at least have to be counted out of any world-wide plans for a return to freer trade ways contemplated by the International Trade Organisation."—Reuter.

Priority Passages Abandoned

London, Aug. 1.

According to the China Association Bulletin, a further change has now taken place regarding sea passages to the East. The whole priority system has been discontinued, and it is no longer necessary for an application to be made to a Government department for their sponsorship.

Lines operating to the East will maintain a joint waiting list, and it is understood that passages will normally be allotted on a "first come, first served" basis, though special consideration will, of course, be given to those who can show that they are travelling on business or urgent affairs.

The names of those who have already obtained the sponsorship of one or other of the Government departments have been passed to the shipping lines.

Now, under the new arrangements, those requiring passages to the East have to apply either to the P & O Steam Navigation Co., or to the Glen Line, Ltd.—L.P.S.

URBAN COUNCIL NOTIFICATION

QUARRY BAY MARKET

It is hereby notified that the Quarry Bay Market has been rehabilitated and that the stalls will be re-allotted to pre-war lessees if claimed on or before 14th August, 1947.

Pre-war lessees must appear in person and produce all previous documents in connection with the lease of their stalls to the URBAN COUNCIL OFFICE, Post Office Building, Top Floor, Hong Kong, not later than 14th August, 1947, otherwise the unclaimed stalls will be let to new tenderers.

R. W. H. MAYNARD,
Secretary, Urban Council.

Dated: 30th July, 1947.

URBAN COUNCIL NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the Urban Council has fixed the fee of $5 for each permit for private exhumations in Chinese cemeteries and a fee of $10 for each permit for private exhumations in the Colonial Cemetery.

These fees were approved by the Legislative Council on the 31st of July, 1947, and will come into force forthwith.

R. W. H. MAYNARD,
Secretary, Urban Council.
Hong Kong, 1st August, 1947.

Japan Hit By Storms

Tokyo, Aug. 1.

Storms have done 2,607,000,000 yen worth of damage on all four of Japan's home islands in the last four months, the Home Ministry reported to the House of Councillors.

Recent heavy rains which swept four prefectures in north-eastern Honshu did 970,000,000 yen damage in Akita, Yamagata, Iwate and Miyagi.

In March and April storms did 210,000,000 yen damage on the northernmost island of Hokkaido and 110,000,000 in Niigata prefecture, on western Honshu.

July proved disastrous with south central and central Honshu suffering 236,000,000 on the ninth followed four days later by a 210,000,000 yen storm in the Kochi area of the island of Shikoku. Finally came the June 970,000,000 yen rains on North-eastern Honshu. — Associated Press.

G.Is. Shot In Manila

Manila, Aug. 1.

Two United States Army soldiers were shot last night in Manila.

The two men, Pfc. Conrado Gadias and Pfc. Agaton Bagadiong of the 515 MP battalion stationed on Highway 54, were travelling along a boulevard in a jeep when they were shot at. Gadias was hit in the chest while Bagadiong sustained wounds in the stomach and left leg.

This is the fourth assault on American troops in the last two weeks, and so far the local Philippine authorities have not made a single arrest. Attacks on Americans are continuing unabated despite Secretary of the Interior Jose C. Zulueta's promise to increase vigilance to end these repeated assaults.—United Press.

ITALY RATIFIES TREATY

Rome, July 31.

The Italian Constituent Assembly today ratified the peace treaty with the Allies by a majority of 194 votes, after a week of bitter debate. The voting was 262 in favour of ratification and 68 against.—Reuter.

Mix-Up On Children's Visit

London, July 31.

The Home Secretary, Mr. Chuter Ede, is giving immediate attention to the recent case of a large party of Norwegian children brought to England when adequate accommodation arrangements had not been made beforehand.

The children travelled to England under the auspices of a British organisation entitled "The World Friendship Association", and some of the children had to sleep one night in a London air-raid shelter before being sent to British homes to spend the holidays.

In the House of Commons today, Mr. Chuter Ede said the case indicated the importance of preventing such a party from starting until proper arrangements had been made for their reception and accommodation.

He declared that he would work in collaboration with all agencies that appeared to be helpful in finding a solution.

The last thing he would desire to do was to prevent the children of other countries coming here or British children going abroad on a mutual basis, but he insisted that it be controlled and worked on a more satisfactory basis.—Reuter.

Astrologers Set Date For New Cabinet

New Delhi, July 31.

Because astrologers have pronounced the morning of August 15, an inauspicious time for a swearing-in ceremony, the new Indian Dominion Cabinet will be sworn in at a minute past midnight on August 14-15. The formal transfer of power to India will still take place on the morning of August 15.

This submission to astrological counsel finds favour with believers in astral influences in New Delhi, who recall that astrologers correctly predicted the failure of the Simla Conference of Indian Party leaders called by Field Marshal Earl Wavell, when he was Viceroy in 1945.

The Indian Constituent Assembly, which has been in session since July 14, has adjourned until midnight of August 14.

Announcing the adjournment, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Assembly, said that it was proposed that when the Assembly met again, it should authorise the Leader of the House to go to Rear-Admiral Viscount Mountbatten, at present Viceroy, and ask him to accept the Governor Generalship of the Dominion of India.

14 Members

The Leader of the House would also communicate to the Governor General the list of Cabinet Members.

The following morning there would be a formal ceremony of handing over power and the Governor General would address the Assembly.

The Dominion of India Cabinet is expected to consist of 14 Members and will include eight of the nine members of the present Interim Government.—Reuter.

Six Conflicts In Progress

London, July 31.

Under the heading "Wars in Progress," the Left-Wing "Tribune" today reviews the present conflicts or disturbances in China, Manchuria, Indonesia, Palestine, Greece and Paraguay. It comments:

"In this second year of the United Nations, six disputes of various dimensions are in the course of being settled by force of arms.

"Of course, not one of them is recognised by the United Nations as a proper and respectably declared war, but they all have the markings and trappings of war to which we have become well accustomed; the killings and the communiques."

The independent, non-party "Time and Tide," in a reference to Indonesia, said: Nothing could be less to the taste of the Dutch people, especially at this time of crisis, than a 'colonial war,' but the choice before them was between hostilities and allowing one of the world's greatest areas to fall into anarchy.

"The Dutch Government has taken drastic action in the interests of the majority and in the interests of peace.

"Inevitable"

"The present crisis is not so much of Dutch making as the inevitable result of the failure of the Indonesian Government to govern."

The weekly "Spectator" said: "The ripples of the conflict in Java are spreading over the whole East and the effect is uniformly bad.

"It still remains true that the irresponsibility of the Indonesian Republicans is a major cause of the Dutch action, but the complete innocence of Dutch motives must still be proved in the end by the resumption of progress towards Indonesian independence at the point at which it was so suddenly broken off."—Reuter.

WAN MAUNG ARRESTED

Rangoon, Aug. 1.

Wan Maung, former president of the All-Burma Police Association, was arrested on Thursday in the Tharrawady district, it was announced officially.

Wan Maung organised a police strike in the district on July 7 and brought the strikers to Rangoon, where he publicly denounced the government under the council headed by U Aung San, who was expected to be the first premier of Independent Burma, and who was assassinated with six other council ministers in the massacre of July 19. The arrest was made under Burma's Peace Preservation Act.—Associated Press.

Nanking, Aug. 1.

The Foreign Office said today that no formal decision has yet been reached on China's reaction to the presentation of the Indonesian problem before the United Nations.—Associated Press.

AND SEW ON?

Paris, Aug. 1.

A threatened strike of 15,000 seamstresses of the French capital's famous fashion houses was called off when employers agreed to wage increases of from 200 to 1,000 francs per month.

The syndicate de la Haute-Couture said the strike would have cancelled autumn showings scheduled to begin next week. The girls who struck on Wednesday at Schiaparelli's returned to work on Thursday.—Associated Press.

Essen, Aug. 1.

Ruhr coal production decreased 4,000 tons the first working day after the announcement of a food parcel incentive plan for the miners, mining officials disclosed. Production on Monday was 235,000 tons compared with 227,000 tons the previous Monday. Officials were not able to account for the drop.—Associated Press.

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INDIGNATION IN COMMONS

"Dastardly Action" Of Terrorists

Calculated Murder Of Innocent Men

London, July 31.

A shocked and crowded House of Commons today heard the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, say of the hanging of the two British sergeants in Palestine by Jewish terrorists:—"In the long history of violence in Palestine, there has scarcely been a more dastardly action than the cold-blooded and calculated murder of these innocent young men after holding them as hostages for more than a fortnight."

The House was obviously stirred, and the feeling of indignation and horror which Mr. Creech Jones' words aroused quickly found expression in the questions which followed. It was emphasised later by the acting Opposition leader, Mr. Anthony Eden, who instantly demanded the House should not rise for the summer recess without debating the matter.

Expressing the "feeling of horror and revulsion" of Parliament at "this barbarous crime", Mr. Creech Jones said that such an outrage against men discharging services in the fulfilment of international obligations was abhorrent not only in the eyes of all civilised persons everywhere, but must surely mean the final condemnation of terrorists in the eyes of all their own people.

"We can only hope that this latest act will stir the Jewish community to rout out this evil from their midst."

Asked if he would take unrelenting steps to see that the authors and inspirers of the hangings were brought to justice, the Colonial Secretary said that the High Commissioner, the police and military authorities in Palestine were doing everything in their power to secure that end.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, who was Colonial Secretary in the wartime Coalition Government, pressed for a debate in which the Minister would be able to say what the Government intended to do in the face of "this challenge to all authority".

Later when Mr. Morrison, Lord President of the Council, had stated that he felt instinctively that a debate would not be useful, the acting Opposition leader, Mr. Eden, vigorously retorted that it would be absolutely unacceptable for the House to adjourn without a discussion of the matter in its true setting.

If necessary the House should sit on a Saturday or some other day, he said.

Dastardly Murder

Whether there will be a debate will be discussed by the representatives of the parties later.

It was reported from Jerusalem today that both Jews and Arabs in Palestine condemned the "dastardly" killing by Irgun Zvai Leumi of the two British sergeants of the Intelligence Corps, officially reported to have been found hanged this morning from a eucalyptus tree in a grove near Nathanya, blindfolded with their shirts and connected to booby traps which blasted the corpses and the finders.

The killing has shocked Palestine more than any other terrorist outrage.

Official representatives of Palestine Jewry immediately issued a statement condemning "the dastardly murder of two innocent men", and calling on the Jewish people to "stand by their side until this ghastly evil is eradicated."

Dr. Hussein Khalidi, Secretary of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, described the killing as "the most dastardly, cowardly and fiendish crime ever perpetrated in this part of the world."

"Even the most cruel and maniacal gangster would shudder and hesitate before committing such an act", he said.

A spokesman of the British business community in Jerusalem said: "We are shocked beyond words. This is the worse thing that has ever happened since the British have been in Palestine."

Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner for Palestine, was reported to have summoned Mrs. Golda Myerson, the United States-born head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, to Government House in Jerusalem soon after the finding of the bodies was officially confirmed.

General Cunningham, it was understood from a reliable source, will demand full co-operation from the Jewish community "in every sense of the word" in combatting activity by terrorists.

The field intelligence staff of Haganah, the Jewish resistance organisation which helped in the search for the sergeants before their death, were reassuring the 6,000 Jewish inhabitants of Nathanya, the diamond-cutting town where the men were kidnapped, against fears that British troops might take reprisals for the killings.

Eye-Witness' Accounts

An eye-witness account of the finding of the bodies by British troops, after Jewish police had reported their presence, said that a party of Grenadier Guards, led by an officer, were first on the scene.

They saw the blackened and bloody bodies of the two men, Sergeants Mervyn Paice and Clifford Martin, dressed in underwear and slacks and blindfolded with their shirts, hanging from a eucalyptus tree in the Palestine Government forestry station at Tel Zur, three miles from Nathanya.

The Guards' officer cut down Paice's body, but when the second rope was cut, it detonated a mine which injured the officer in the face and eyes and blasted the corpses over an area 50 yards across, fragments being found 300 yards away.

Eucalyptus trees were uprooted and a press photographer with the troops was thrown to the ground and his camera shattered. Medical authorities said the men had been hanged 24 hours before they were found.

A printed notice in English and Hebrew pinned to one of the bodies said: "This is the sentence of the Irgun's high tribunal".

No Reprisals

Mr. Reeves, District Commissioner of Samaria, which includes Nathanya, to whom the finding of the dead men was first reported, told Reuter that there would be no reprisals on the area and no imposition of military law.

Irgun Zvai Leumi, after announcing the fulfilment of the threat to hang the men, sent a message after yesterday's all-out search for Paice and Martin, alive or dead, saying that they would be found in the area searched yesterday.

A Reuter report from Jerusalem states that Haganah, the Jewish underground defence organisation, tonight accused the terrorist Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang organisations of planning further kidnapping and killing of British forces in Palestine. It appealed to the entire Jewish community to report immediately to Jewish "security organisations" any information about Irgun Zvai Leumi.

A Jewish source declared in Jerusalem tonight that British troops beat up a number of Jewish civilians in Tel Aviv. The source added that two Jews were taken to hospital.

The Jewish Agency was reported to have tonight appealed to the British authorities in Palestine not to thrust Palestine into "additional suffering and misery" by the imposition of martial law.—Reuter.

TAFT ENTERS THE RACE

Washington, Aug. 1.

Ohio Republicans have formally launched a "Taft for President" boom. Meeting at Columbus, Ohio, the Party's 44-member State Committee unanimously pledged support to Ohio senior Senator Robert A. Taft for the 1948 Republican nomination for President.

Party leaders were instructed to bring the Senator's qualifications to the attention of Republicans in other States. Taft limited his comment to expressing thanks for the compliment.—Associated Press.

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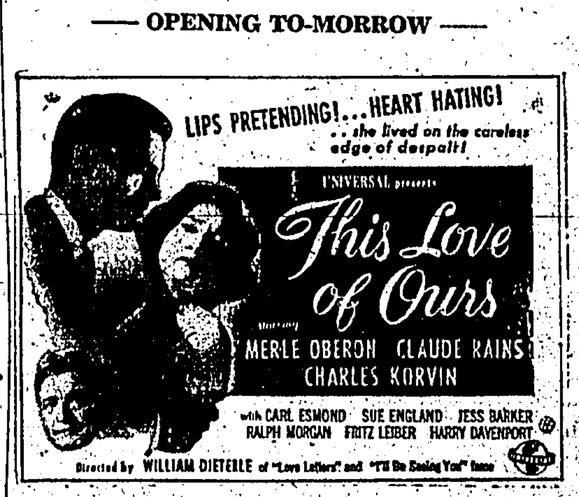

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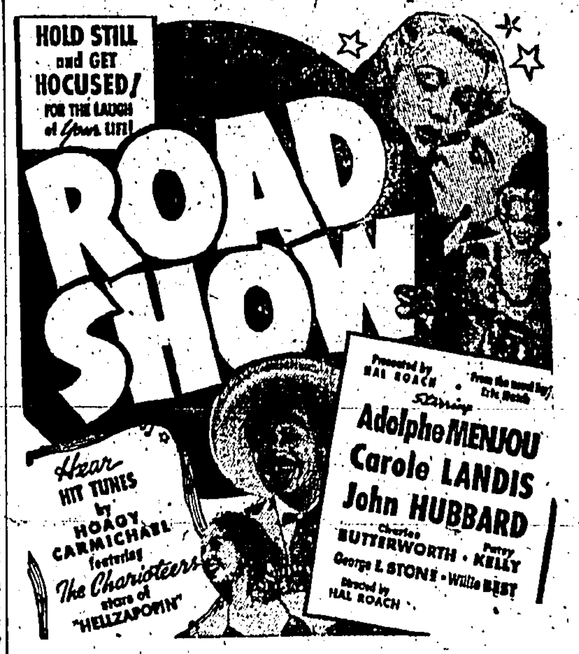

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CRISIS IN BRITAIN

The exact reasons for the sudden emergence of a mild panic in Britain over the state of the national economy have not yet been fully revealed and are unlikely to be until Mr. Attlee opens a two-day debate in the Commons next Wednesday. It is fairly obvious, however, that the main theme will be the rapidly growing exhaustion of Britain's dollar credit which can hardly hold out now to the end of the year. When it is realised that Britain withdrew US$700,000,000 during the month of July and that only US$1,000,000,000 remains of the American loan, the grounds for anxiety are clear enough. Nevertheless, the position is not one of sudden development. Its growth has been watched, and the harsh facts should long ago have been assimilated. The excitement and private conferences of the last few days, the sudden return to England of Viscount Montgomery, may represent the most dramatic form of bringing home to the British people the gravity of the crisis, but if everything hinges on the dollar shortage, the Labour Government exposes itself once more to the charge of delaying action until the real damage has been done. There is, of course, no answer to be found in recrimination. Now that the facts have to be faced, interest must lie in the nature of the remedies to be applied, with their adequacy as the test of the Labour Government's capacity for leadership. Mr. Attlee is expected to outline drastic measures to reduce dollar expenditure, not only by cutting imports but by a review of other British liabilities which cause a drain on foreign exchange. Among these the heaviest is Britain's military commitment overseas—a burden which reflects further upon our economy by reducing the manpower available in the British Isles for industrial production. The dilemma is serious, and if it is answered by slashes in the strength of the various branches of the Services, it is difficult to see how a further retreat in Britain's international position can be avoided. In Britain itself, effort will be concentrated on increasing output for exports, and part of Mr. Attlee's pronouncement is expected to embrace agreement by the miners to work a little longer each day to step up coal production. It is estimated that two and a half hours more work per week by each miner underground would produce 13,000,000 additional tons of coal in a full year, and that an extra hour each day would result in the same improvement between now and December. That this should be undertaken is a matter of particular importance if we are to convince America that we are doing all that is possible to help ourselves before looking to future implementation of the Marshall offer, or to favourable re-examination of Article 9 of the Loan Agreement, the non-discrimination clause. The British people find it hard to understand why, with dollars flowing out at an accelerated pace, more food cannot be bought from the Dominions which are in the sterling area. Article 9 is the stumbling block. By it, Britain cannot reduce her purchases in America to switch them elsewhere. If American purchases are cut, a proportionate cut must be made in purchases of similar goods from other countries providing always America can continue to supply them and her prices are competitive. The immediate future in the course of Britain's overseas affairs will be guided, therefore, by four major factors: revision, if any, of Article 9 to ease the intolerable strain and such consequences as a reduction in the food imports of a country which already exists on an austerity basis; the future course of American and world prices; [illegible] and the [illegible] which can result [illegible] juncture, we can be assured, only of exercising an influence over the last two. An impressive contribution to self-help here might well encourage a watchful Congress to sympathetic consideration of the unforeseen hardships inflicted by [illegible] on fully employed [illegible]

ANGLO-SOVIET TRADE BREAKDOWN

By A Special Correspondent

London, July 30.

An official Tass report broadcast from Moscow last Sunday night attributed the breakdown in the Anglo-Russian trade talks to British intransigence. The British case as presented by Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, in Parliament on Monday was that the Russians had demanded a series of concessions which the British party had granted—without presentation of counter demands—until at last Mr. Harold Wilson, leader of the British delegates, informed the Russians he could go no further. Soviet officials would not, however, relax their demands and the talks thus came to an inconclusive end.

What were the concessions demanded by the Russians, and why could not the British meet them all?

It has been agreed by both parties that British credits to Russia were the main stumbling block to agreement so that to find an answer to these questions one must first retrace the history of the Civil Supplies Act under which the bulk of these credits were granted.

Largescale Credits

The Civil Supplies Act, passed by the British Government in 1941, provided for the granting of largescale credits with which Russia could purchase civilian goods from Britain. By the end of the war British industry had shipped to the Soviet Union industrial plant and equipment valued at £100,000,000 against Russian orders totalling some £140,000,000. These shipments were of course in addition to the £318,000,000 worth of military materials supplied freely by Britain to the Soviets under Lend-Lease. Since the end of the war Britain has shipped a further £30,000,000 worth of civilian equipment.

A feature of these transactions which proved of importance in the recent trade negotiations was that the credits fell into two groups, the "old" credits granted under the 1941 agreement and "new" supplementary credits. The fact that a contract for the latter credits was never signed did not impede British deliveries of goods urgently needed in Russia.

The credit terms were 40 per cent. cash and 60 per cent. credit with an interest rate of three per cent.

Reduction In Interest

In 1945 Russia asked for a reduction in interest from three to two per cent. Britain agreed. This was the first concession which she made to these credits.

In the following year the Russians claimed that the prices charged for the goods making up the £40,000,000 balance had been too high. The British Government thereupon responded by agreement to a price discount of 13 per cent., despite the steep rise of costs in Britain and especially the very sharp rise in prices of imported raw materials. Britain for her part had been trying to obtain Russian assistance in the form of deliveries of raw materials urgently needed by British industry. Since the end of the war she had made a number of approaches to Russia on the subject of such trade expansion but she received practically no response.

The position at the start of the latest negotiations was that outstanding Russian orders had been reduced to £10,000,000 to £12,000,000 while Russian indebtedness totalled just over £72,000,000. Of this sum approximately £38,000,000 were incurred under the "old" credits and £34,000,000 under the "new."

Concessions Demanded

The first concession demanded by Russia during these talks was that the interest rate should be further reduced—from two per cent. to one-half of one per cent. This Britain granted.

The Russians then requested that the 40 per cent. cash payment should be waived in respect of all contracts not yet signed. To this Britain also agreed.

The Russians thirdly asked that the period of repayment should be postponed. To this the British delegates replied that while they would make this concession on the "new" credits they could not do so in the case of the "old" credits. "We will cut the interest rate," they said, "but we won't upset the terms of repayment for which you have, of course, definitely contracted." (It will be remembered that in the case of the new credits no formal agreement was signed).

The Russians then asked for postponement of payment of one half the old credits. To this the British delegation could not agree but finally, as a gesture of goodwill, they did offer to include one quarter of the old credits in the new arrangements. This concession would have meant deferment of payment of some £44,000,000 or no less than 60 per cent. of all British advances. Russia refused to accept the offer because, in the words of Tass, the official Soviet News Agency, "It was obviously unacceptable for the Soviet side".

No Reason Given

Tass did not go on to give its reason for this "obviousness". Nor is it clear to Britain, whose case was clearly put by Sir Stafford on Monday.

"The concessions we were prepared to make," he said, "involved us in a heavy loss in the next three or four years." (The loss in interest reduction alone is estimated at £18,000,000).

In view of Britain's serious overseas financial position, added Sir Stafford, it was impossible to meet what the Soviet Government stated to be their minimum terms.

As a result of this failure to compromise on the scope of British concessions, the Anglo-Russian trade agreement, which was practically ready for signing, had to be abandoned. Britain's attempts to establish a two-way trade with Russia had failed and the grain and timber she had expected in exchange for her plant and machinery will not be shipped. Despite this disappointment the British Government still wishes for a large expansion of trade between the two countries, but next time it will be up to Russia to make the first move.

"I can tell the House," said Sir Stafford, "that it was not through any want of trying or any lack of effort or reasonable concession on our part that we failed to reach agreement."

He added later, "We are most anxious that another special effort should be made and we hope will be made by the Soviet Union."

Russia's Policy In Europe

New York, July 31.

Britain, France and other economically distressed nations of Western Europe are reaching for the prospective benefits of the Marshall rehabilitation project like drowning men, grabbing for life buoys. For example:

Authoritative sources in London said the British government had under consideration the drastic course of spending some of England's 2,560,000,000 gold and dollar reserve as an emergency measure to deal with the difficult days which are expected to plague the country next winter. But the important point of this disclosure is that the tapping of the reserve would be a stop-gap between the period when the $3,750,000,000 loan from the United States is exhausted about the end of the year and the time when the Marshall plan or some other American programme of financial aid to Europe becomes effective.

Meanwhile, France has made a new appeal to Russia in the United Nations Economic and Social Council to join in implementing the Marshall plan. The French Government, fighting to keep out of the grip of the powerful French Communist party, is greatly worried over the Soviet Union's attitude.

The French delegate in the Council told the Council that distrust between Russia and the Western Powers was paralyzing the European economic recovery.

The Russian reply was to rebuke France for bringing the Marshall plan into a United Nations debate.

The White Russian representative declared that the Economic and Social Council has no right to discuss the Marshall plan. He further said the plan was linked with German economy which he maintained had no place on the agenda.

French Story

With the above as a background, I am going to set down here a sensational and, if substantiated, vastly important report which comes to me from a usually exceedingly well informed European source.

You will recall that last May French Socialist Premier Ramadier dismissed from his coalition Cabinet the five Communist Ministers after the National Assembly had given him a two to one vote of confidence in which the Communist members dissented. Since then, the Communists have been outside the government.

It is clear that this split was the result of a Communist refusal to collaborate. My source now tells me that the crisis was deliberately precipitated under orders from Moscow and that the strategy was this:

It had just become apparent that the Russian wheat crop this year would be excellent barring unforeseen contingencies. The possession of this breadstuff would provide a mighty bargaining weapon on a continent which in many places was hard pressed for food.

France for almost the first time in her history was short of bread. With that set up the French Communists were to undertake a programme of harrassing the government. An important phase of the campaign would be the causing of labour troubles, the Reds being powerful in important trade unions. This would add further to the economic chaos of the nation.

When autumn approached and the government was beside itself with tribulations, shiploads of Russian wheat would be offered to distressed France and the time would be ripe for the French Communist party to zoom into power on the gratitude of the populace and the weakness of the government.

Last Sunday a communique was issued in Moscow giving the first authoritatively published news that the Soviet wheat crop is indeed excellent. There is grain for export.—Associated Press.

CABLE RATES RAISED

Washington, Aug. 1.

The Federal Communications Commission has authorised international cable and radio telegraph services to increase from 20 to 30 cents per full rate word to all trans-Pacific points except Hawaii.

The increase in service to the Far East are part of general boosts in message rate estimated to yield the operating companies an additional $6,000,000 a year. Additional increases, ranging from 4 per cent. to 10 per cent., are authorised for certain types of messages to most countries.

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USE COUNTER-MEASURES

You must gear up your own tactics to act as counter-measures against whatever your opponents do. Some players seem never able to do that. They build up a plan for the entire play of the hand, but make it so rigid that they are lost in case the other side does something which was not expected originally. The perfect plan is one which includes within it the provisions for detouring onto another road if an obstacle bobs up in the middle of the main highway.

S Q J 3
H A 10 5 4
D Q
C Q J 10 7 4

S 6 5 2 — H 9 6 3 — D A K 7 3 — C K 8 3

N W E S

S A 10 9 — H J 7 2 — D J 10 9 4 — C 6 5 2

S K 8 7 4
H K Q 8
D 8 6 5 2
C A 9

(Dealer: East. Neither side vulnerable).

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	1D	Dbl
2D	2S	Pass	3S
Pass	4S		

At three tables of a duplicate, West led his diamond K against this contract, switched to a spade when he saw the situation, and East, after using his A, returned the 10 to the Q. Each of the declarers left a spade in dummy to protect against diamonds while working on the clubs.

One West mechanically took the finessed club 9 with the K and led a third spade. That made it a cinch for South to discard three diamonds on the dummy's clubs and thereby make his contract.

The second West befuddled a mediocre declarer by holding up his K on the first club. The A was scored next, and South led to the heart A to lead a third club, discarding a diamond on it. When West won this with the K, he returned a diamond, forcing dummy to use its last trump. With each defender still holding a trump, the clubs were worthless, so South reached his hand with a heart, took out the trumps with the spade K, scored his last heart, then was set by losing his last diamond.

The third declarer took no chance of having that happen to him. After winning the second trump lead in dummy, he abandoned all idea of a club finesse, scored the A and then led the 9. No matter what West did then, the contract was safe, as South could take out trumps and leave the heart A in dummy as a re-entry to run the clubs.

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Tomorrow's Problem

S 7 5 3 2
H 6 4 2
D 7
C 7 5 4 3 2

S J 10 6 — H 10 9 8 — D K 8 5 3 — C 10 8 6 — N W E S — S A 9 8 — H J 7 5 — D J 10 9 6 4 — C J 9

S K Q 4
H A K Q 3
D A Q 2
C A K Q

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable).

If South bids 2-Hearts, North 2-No Trumps, South 3-No Trumps, North 4-Clubs and South 6-Clubs, how should the contract be made after the diamond J lead?

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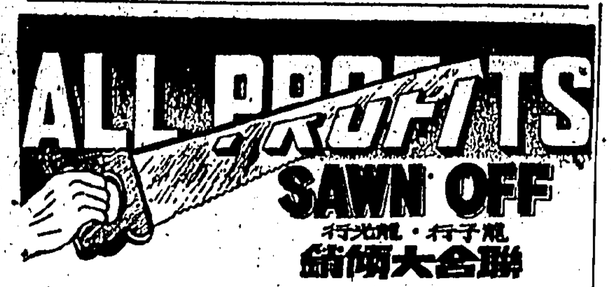

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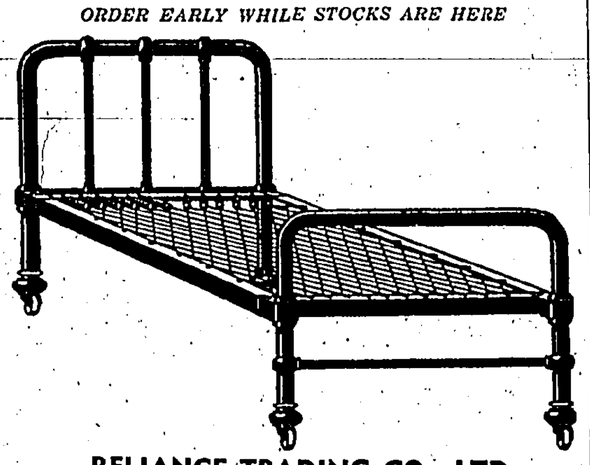

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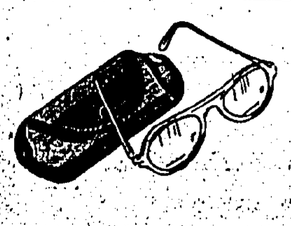

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BRITISH PLANES THE BEST

Flooded With Orders From Overseas

B.O.A.C.'s Record Service

London, July 31.

The Minister of Supply, Mr. John Wilmot, told a press conference today that Britain is now building the best medium and short range planes in the world. Overseas buyers are flooding factories with orders.

Strongly defending Britain's aircraft industry, Mr. Wilmot said critics at home were harming the export trade. He said he approved the Government's decision not to buy American "Constellations" and fit them with British engines because it would hurt Britain's reputation abroad.

Mr. Wilmot said the Argentine was one of the biggest customers.

The Minister disclosed for the first time that the total of foreign orders for the first five months of this year was over £7,250,000 and the estimate for the whole year would be £20,000,000.

He did not break down the figure by countries.

He also said outstanding sellers in the shorter range plane class are the De Havilland "Doves" and the Miles "Marathon." He said 200 "Doves" are on order by various foreign customers, with Argentina the biggest buyer.

Mr. de Havilland told the United Press, following Mr. Wilmot's disclosure, that Argentina had ordered 20 "Doves." The "Dove" is a twin-engined eight-to-eleven-seater, with a cruising speed of from 160 to 200 mph.

Mr. de Havilland said the Argentine Government has placed orders and intends to use the "Doves" on domestic lines.

"Vikings"

The Vickers Aircraft Company later said the Argentine has ordered 20 twin-engined "Vikings." The "Viking" is a 24-to-27-seater, with a cruising speed of 210 mph. It is similar to those used by the Royal Family during the South African tour.

It is also known that the Argentine Government has placed orders for "Lancasters" and "Bristols."

BOAC Record

Mr. Wilmot, at his press conference, claimed that the British Overseas Airways Corporation is running the fastest long-distance service in the world on its Australian route and said that by autumn it will inaugurate the first British air service across the Sahara Desert, a hop of 500 miles.

He conceded competition on the Empire route against operators with American "Constellations" and other long range types would be severe but "I am sure Government was right in deciding to face it."

He said it took from five to seven years to produce an entirely new long-range type.—United Press.

Girl Taken On Board In Bag

Guam, Aug. 1.

A 17-year-old Samar (Philippine Islands) girl, who said her U.S. Navy Seabee sweetheart smuggled her on board a landing craft in a sea bag, told the Island court on Thursday that she had a promise of marriage but not $200 for bail.

The girl, Lilly Conding, who is charged with illegal entry into Guam, told the court that Seabee James Cauldwell stowed her away on the ship when he was assigned to Saipan. She stayed in the back of a truck on the vessel and the Seabee brought her food and water. A guard found her one night when she came out for air.

Judge Jose Manibusan said she probably will be sent back to Samar although her sweetheart who is still on Saipan has promised to marry her when he is discharged from the Navy.—Associated Press.

TEST CASE AT BOW STREET

London, July 31.

Philip Ragon, described as an American citizen and subject to United States military law under the Visiting Forces Act, was accused at Bow Street today of fraudulently evading the Customs and making a false declaration anent an American Packard automobile which he allegedly sold in Britain for £2,750.

It is regarded as a test case for the Customs and currency restrictions and the Government is understood to have information on another hundred cases.—United Press.

Few Too Many Sleep Pills

Paris, July 31.

Pretty Virginia Hill was stretched out on a bed today in a hospital in the Paris area, after taking a "few too many" sleeping pills again on Saturday night.

The shapely brunette "friend" of the Hollywood gangster, Bugsy Sigel, just could not sleep last Saturday night, the police said. She took a few tablets to help.

Doctors said Virginia had not tried to commit suicide. They said she had not swallowed enough pills to do the trick. She will be well enough to leave for the United States shortly, they added.—United Press.

Aeroplane Crew Get Salvage Award

London, July 31.

One of the most complicated salvage cases on record ended today with the Admiralty Division Court announcing awards which, probably for the first time in the history of maritime law, included the crew of an aeroplane.

The case involved the United States Lines freighter "American Farmer," which was abandoned after a collision in July 1946 during a heavy fog, about 600 miles from Land's End. Salvage awards totalled £23,045.

The "American Farmer," abandoned in the belief that it was a sinking ship, remained afloat and drifted southward. The vessel was sighted by a RAF Coastal Command plane and the Air Council and eight members of the plane's crew were awarded £4,050, including agreed expenses of £2,856.

Afterwards, the small freighter "Elizabete" arrived on the scene and took the "American Farmer" in tow. There was a subsequent dispute about the "Elizabete's" ability to tow the vessel and, under protest, her lines were removed.

The owners of the "Elizabete" received £3,600 and her master and crew £1,710.—United Press.

Alpinists Conquer The Holy Mountain

Zurich, July 31.

Four members of the Swiss Himalaya Expedition have made climbing history by being the first men to conquer the 22,500 feet Mount Kodarnath—the Holy Mountain—of the Himalayas, the Swiss Institute for Alpine Exploration announced today.

The party were Andre Roch, Alexander Graven, Rene Dittert and Alfred Sutter, accompanied by a shepherd named Tensing. The expedition's first two attempts on Kedernath failed.

During the second attempt, headman Norbu slipped, dragging Alfred Sutter down a steep 1,000 foot icy slope. Norbu was badly injured.

All previous attempts to climb Kedernath have failed. The expedition was equipped by the Swiss Institute for Alpine Exploration.

1933 Bid

An unsuccessful attempt to climb Kedernath, the Swiss Institute for Alpine Exploration said, was made in 1933 by Mr. Marco Pallis, a musician and explorer, who led the Liverpool-Himalayan Expedition which reached the Sutlej-Ganes watershed through Garwhal and climbed two peaks of over 22,000 feet, Satopanth and Lyu Purgyal, though none of the party had previously been higher than Mont Blanc (15,782 fee).

The Swiss expedition which has just conquered Kedernath arrived in India in May, and divided into two parts, one going to the Karakoram range and the other to the Garwhal district.—Reuter.

Rangoon, July 31.

Australia is prepared to accept for permanent residence a "limited number" of Anglo-Burmans and Anglo-Indians from Burma, an official Government announcement issued here today said. Application forms for the use of prospective immigrants have been sent to the Burma Government.—Reuter.

Americans' Vote For "Go Ahead"

Princeton, N.J., July 30.

The American Institute of Public Opinion posed the following: "If Russia and the United States cannot agree on peace terms for Japan and Germany, the United States should go ahead without Russia and make a separate peace with these two countries. Do you approve or disapprove of this idea?"

Fifty-six per cent of Americans questioned voted yes, 25 per cent no and 19 per cent had no opinion.

Gallup points out the survey was conducted in early July and public opinion was ready to endorse such a move even before the Russians refused to join the proposed 11-nation Japanese peace conference.—United Press.

Commons On Holiday

London, July 31.

The Lord President of the Council, Mr. Herbert Morrison, announced in the House today that the Commons would adjourn for the summer recess on August 8 and reassemble on October 20.

The new session will be opened by the King on October 21.

Mr. Morrison said the Commons would debate Germany and Austria next Monday and the state of the nation next Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. Athony Eden, acting leader of the Opposition, asked for a debate on Palestine in view of the hanging of the two British sergeants by terrorists and Mr. Morrison said the Government would consider it.—United Press.

German Accuses A British Colonel

Hamburg, July 31.

An allegation that the British intelligence officer, Lieutenant Colonel A. P. Scotland had "beaten" him in a prisoner-of-war cage in London and had threatened that he would be tortured with electrical apparatus, was made by one of the accused SS frontier policeman, Erich Zacharias, today at the trial of 18 SS and Gestapo men charged with the murder of 50 Allied air force officers.

After Zacharias' counsel, Frau Dr. Somelart Ghelert, had asked that he should not be present in court for the time being as he was involved in the present allegation, the court agreed and Colonel Scotland left.

The Judge Advocate, Mr. C. L. Stirling, said that this should not be construed as any reflection on Colonel Scotland but everything was being done to facilitate the defence.—Reuter.

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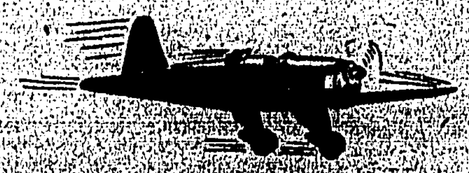

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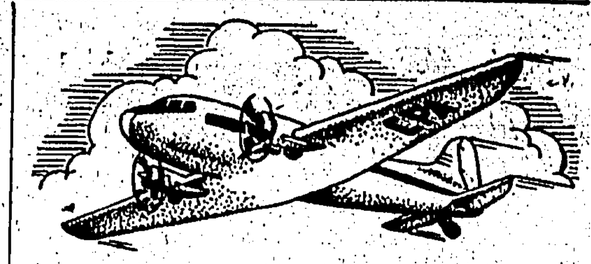

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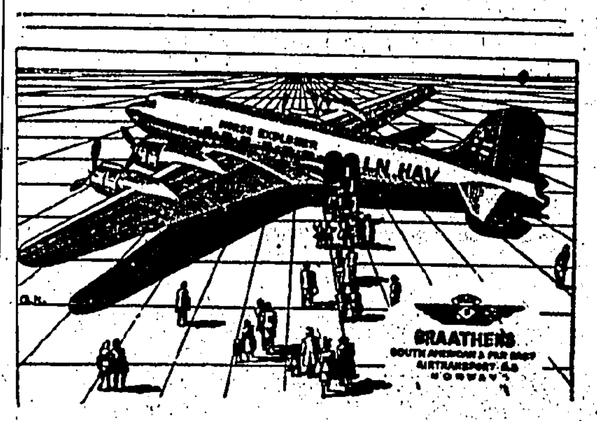

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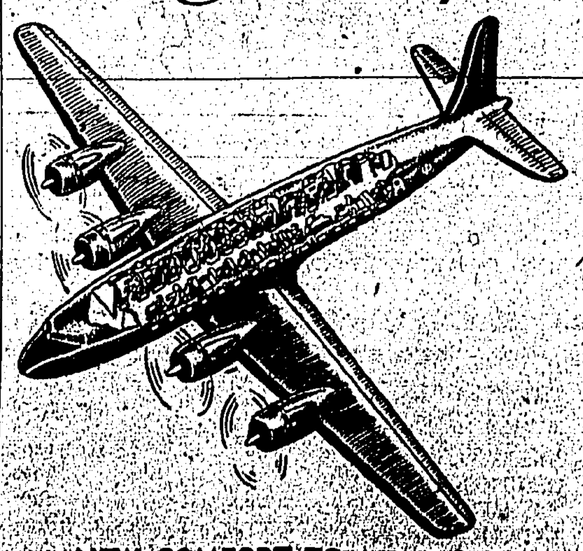

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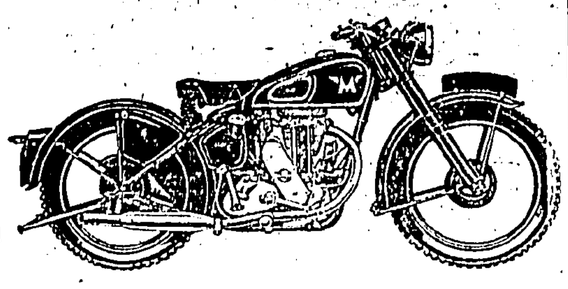

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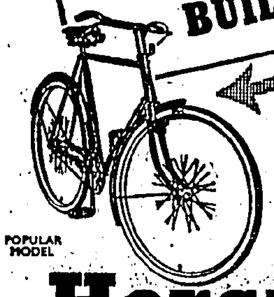

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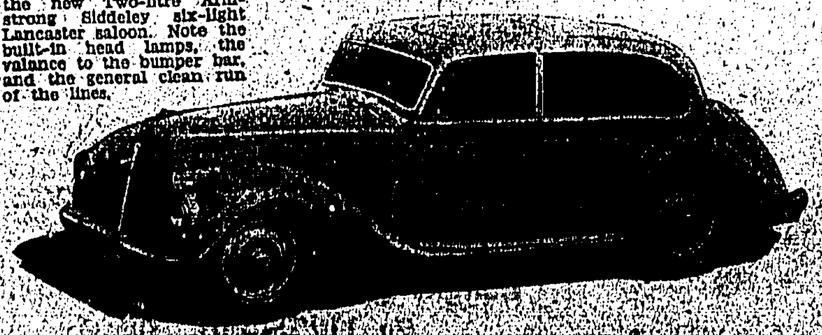

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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

John Public And The Colony's Transportation System

By Our Motoring Correspondent

A short time ago I attended a private showing of a film entitled "Progress." This film depicts the origin and development of the Rootes Group and the historic and famous companies controlled by the Group, —Humber, Hillman, Sunbeam Talbot, Commer, and Karrier— and takes in glimpses of 50 years of the motor industry, including war work undertaken during World War 1 and 2. The sub-title of the film is 'A screen record of British enterprise,' and it certainly lives up to this, being an excellent story of the wonderful development of one of the largest organisations in Britain's motor industry. I understand that Gilman & Co. who are distributors for the Rootes Group, are making arrangements to show this film in their motor showrooms in Kowloon. It will certainly be worth while seeing, and I shall let readers have the dates on which it will be shown as soon as I find out.

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It now seems as if John Public has suddenly realised that Public Transportation Companies are not what they should be. Judging by the letters to the papers on this subject, old John Public is really up in arms this time, so what I said last week about having to wait for the Municipal Council to chase things along might not be necessary. For a city the size of Hongkong, the number of busses provided is totally inadequate.

It is almost impossible to get a seat on any bus without three of four strap-hangers almost sitting on top of you. Although there is a notice that buses are licensed to carry a certain number of passengers, this number is nearly always exceeded by a wide margin—too wide for safety. Some busses have long seats along both sides, in order to accommodate more strap-hangers. Then the drivers seem as if they enjoy the confusion when they brake or stop suddenly, throwing standing passengers off their feet.

If it must be a monopoly, then it is up to the holders to provide really adequate services, with more and bigger and better busses. If they cannot, do this, then someone who can should be given a chance. Surely with all the money available nowadays it should be possible to buy and run a fleet of busses to give good service to the public and a good return to the owners.

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Many private car owners have expressed a wish that the A.A. should get organised again, especially their road patrols. Seems such a pity that motorists in Hong Kong should be so poorly served in this respect when all over the world automobile clubs and associations are being re-organised to give members so many facilities.

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Many years ago there was a motor cycling club in Hong Kong. There are a number of new machines on the road now, and I shall be pleased to help form a motor cycle club if sufficient motor cyclists are interested. Week-end runs could be arranged, and some club house fixed for meetings where one could swap yarns, etc., besides pooling facilities for repairing or maintaining machines. Will interested persons please write and give their views to me, c/o the "China Mail"? Any suggestions will be most welcome.

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I understand that further supplies of road marking paint have been received from England. It is hoped that a complete programme of white lines and pedestrian crossings can be carried out with proper signs denoting their use. Incidentally, a pedestrian crossing is going to be laid across the middle of Pedder-street so as to enable people to pass in safety through the line of cars and traffic without having to go to the junction.

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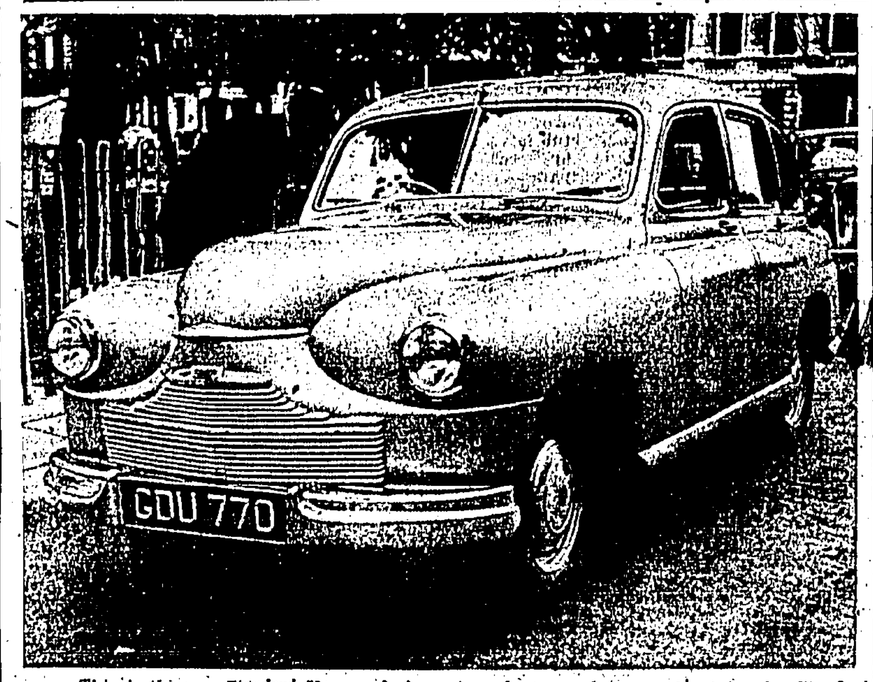
The number of new cars which were licenced in July totalled 300. This is one of the highest figures to be recorded since the liberation although the last few months have shown a steadily increasing number of applicants.



This is the new Standard Vanguard six seater saloon now being produced by the Standard Motor Company in Britain. The car will sell for about £400 overseas and £500 in England. It has a four cylinder 16 H.P. engine, petrol consumption of 27 miles to the gallon and top speed of 75 MPH. It is 13' 8" in length and 5' 9" wide. Rear locker contains ample space for luggage, spare wheel and tools.

Around The World Of Motoring

New cars to the number of 116,000 will be needed in Australia before the end of 1947 in order to supply those who must have a car for business or professional reasons, according to the latest estimate of the Australian Department of Transport. In addition, thousands more new cars will eventually be required to replace the many worn out vehicles in that continent. In spite of a substantial rise in the prices of popular cars Australian distributors are hard put to it to meet the demands of would be purchasers. Most of the new cars that have so far been received by Australian distributors have come from British factories.

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The 1946 agreement between Eire and Northern Ireland authorities providing facilities for Northern Ireland motorists to obtain supplies of petrol for their cars while holidaying in Eire, has since been extended so as to include motorists from Gt. Britain and elsewhere. It is no longer necessary for a British tourist to register his car in Eire before obtaining supplies of petrol in that country.

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New president of the Royal Swedish Automobile Club, succeeding his brother Prince Gustaf Adolf, who was killed in an airplane crash at Copenhagen in January, is Prince Bertil, a well known national racing driver.

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An expert estimates that during 1947, some 3,600,000 cars will be built in the U.S.A., excluding the strike factor. Including commercial vehicle production, this would give a total figure of 4,700,000 units, which compares with 3,100,000 units produced in 1946 and 4,000,000 produced in 1941. Last year the U.S.A. manufactured 144,000 cars for export, or 6.7 per cent of output.

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The Salon de Tourisme which was held early this year at Nice consisted of exhibitions of new methods in the fields of hotel keeping, catering for tourists and [illegible] France, is no less important in England, and such exhibitions might go a long way towards improving our national amenities.

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The only Allard entered in the Automovel Club da Portugal's Rallye Lisboa made the best performance out of an entry of 173, including cars made in America, Canada, England, France, Germany and Italy. Not only did the Allard lose no marks during the 1,500 mile road section, but driven by A. Godfrey Imhof, made the fastest time in both runs in the eliminating tests.

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If you store petrol for use in a car but not for re-sale, the A.A. point out that the following conditions must be observed:—1. Leak proof metal containers must be used. 2. The storage place, unless in the open air must be properly ventilated, and have an entrance direct from the open air. 3. Proper means of extinguishing a petrol fire—such as a supply of sand or earth—must be readily available.

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Hot on the heels of the new Italian Volpe comes a new rear-engined 250 c.c. small car, made by the F.I.M.E.R. (Fabbrica Italiana Motoveicoli Rimorchi). The engine, which is in unit with the differential casing and gear box, is a two-cylinder two-stroke of 10 h.p. Springing is independent all round.

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MOTORING LAW CURIOSITY

The Crown Proceedings Bill, which was read the third time and passed with amendments in the House of Commons last Friday, raises many subsidiary questions of interest to private citizens.

One raised by Mr. L. W. Joynson-Hicks (Conservative) particularly concerns motorists. As the law stands at present in England — though not in Scotland—while the public authority is responsible for repair and maintenance of the highway, no liability attaches to it for damage or injury incurred by the public as a result of failure to maintain the highway or otherwise carry out its obligations.

Motorists who are "ditched" and sustain injury because the ditch is overgrown have no redress either against the public authority or the Government. The cost of damage caused by potholes due to wear and tear on roads must be borne by the motorist — and there are many other instances. As regards Scottish law, under which the public authority is liable for such matters of "non-feasance", Mr. Joynson-Hicks pointed to the anomaly by which a motorist meeting with an accident due to disrepair on the English side of the border has no recourse against the Crown, whereas if he falls into a pothole 10 yards further on he can sue the appropriate Minister.

The Attorney General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, was sympathetic to such arguments. The absence of such liability was survived from times and circumstances.

The purpose of the Crown Proceedings Bill, however, said Sir Hartley, was not to reform general principles of law but simply put the Crown in the same position as a subject under existing rules of law. One could not start altering a general principle of law in relation to particular defendants only.

Shanghai's Even Worse

By James Logan

The Shanghai Municipal Police Bureau today announced that one of every 11 cars in Shanghai was involved in a traffic accident in the first six months this year which proves my point that not enough has been said of Shanghai traffic.

A few months of it and my hair has begun to turn grey, my nights filled with wild dreams in which rickshaws and pedi-cabs swerve in and out of my disordered brain and great red busses with wood-panneled sides loom up like Loch Ness monsters.

If you are riding in a taxi life is a series of crises each worse than the last with your driver whipping in and out and past street-cars with blasting horn, dodging past a man and bicycle, pulled past vehicles by the thousandth part of an inch, scurring out from under busses by a hair's breath and taking reckless chances on life and limb at every intersection.

If you are young it is almost as terrifying unless you have absolute disregard for danger, cunning born to those who have scrambled for their lives and a "What the hell, its got to happen sometime" attitude. Every intersection is a Rubicon for despite cautious looks in all directions you are borne down upon by a pedi-cab driver, his feet pedalling furiously, his bell ringing like a telephone at 3 a.m. while he motions you to jump one way or another and snarls at your indecision.

This goes for the sidewalk too. Fore there you struggle like a salmon going upstream to spawn, fighting your way past hawkers whose wares cover most of the available space, shrugging off beggars who specialise on foreigners, and easing your way past sidewalk noodle joints. Constantly you must cope with unpredictable pedestrians who appear carrying two baskets of strange looking fruit at each end of a pole.

You can't forget the traffic silence in your lonely room, a phrase turned out by some song writer who apparently has never been in Shanghai. From morn till night there is a steady blast of noise that rises to a crescendo at the rush hour which seems any hour between 5 a.m. and midnight some honking continuously day in and day out as they crawl snail-like through the maddening man-pulled traffic or hurtle down Bubbling Well Road like the Santa Fe going through South-east Nebraska. There is an anti-noise campaign every year but the sponsors can't make themselves heard.

Military cars head the list issued today with 443 accidents in the first six months, usually minor ones such as colliding with trams and side-swiping pedestrians. This does not count the times the military blocks traffic by beating up a bus driver trying to collect fares from military personnel.

There is always the experience of a friend of mine who speaks Chinese and rides pedi-cabs. A great army truck swerved in so close he could feel the heat of the engine.

"Pao kai, pao kai," he yelled to the pedi-cab driver, meaning "get over."

"Ngai Ching Pi-chi-lai," the driver replied, meaning "Shut your eyes."—United Press.

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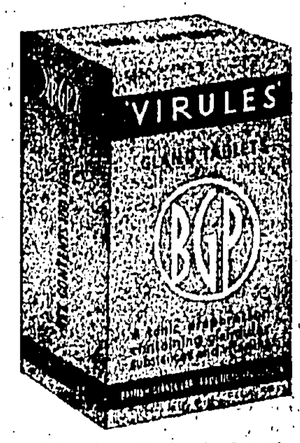

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ECONOMIC CRISIS IN BRITAIN

Drastic Cuts In Imports To Save Dollars

Conference Of "Big Five"

London, July 31.

A saving of £70,000,000 in six months through immediate import cuts is being discussed in political circles today as one of the steps the Cabinet is planning to bring Britain out of her economic crisis. Further cuts are expected for October, unless the situation has shown a definite improvement by then.

Britain is importing about £150,000,000 worth of goods monthly and exporting about £93,000,000 worth. Most of the deficit is being met by drawings from the American loan.

The Big-Five Cabinet Ministers—Mr. Attlee, Mr. Bevin, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Dalton and Sir Stafford Cripps—are still thrashing out details of the crisis programme which the Prime Minister will announce in Parliament next week, and which will mean great austerity for the whole British nation.

Other measures expected are:—

1. To reduce the foreign exchange deficit without waiting for American aid or on the outcome of the Marshall aid-to-Europe talks in Paris.

2. To include food and raw materials as well as the armed forces in the cuts, and, in fact, ask the British people to consent to every sacrifice which can be made without acute danger of reducing production.

3. To end Continental holidays of Britons by reducing the present allowance of £75 a year to £50 or even less, which, it is hoped, will convince would-be travellers that such trips are not worthwhile.

4. To divert coal and raw materials into principal export industries at the expense of home production which was just beginning to relieve some of the country's wartime austerity.

Grim Warning

Mr. Will Lawther, President of the National Union of Mineworkers, who was one of the miners' leaders summoned to the Cabinet meeting yesterday, declared today that Britain's future depended upon coal alone and predicted a "terrible time ahead."

Among the imports which it is expected will be left as they stand are tobacco and films, while the question of dollar costs for the occupation of Germany is highly complex and not yet decided.

Immediate import cuts amounting to a saving of £70,000,000 within six months, regarded as the scale on which the Cabinet is planning, would almost certainly imply a reduction in the meat ration and imports of fruit, especially luxury fruits and tinned goods which have done so much to vary the monotonous diet are also expected to be reduced. There is little scope left for other major food economies outside the range of necessities.

Tobacco cuts have reached their limit for the time being, and film imports are likely to be left intact under an agreement by which American firms are expected to consent to spending considerable part of their dollar earnings in Britain, thus helping the dollar economy plan without a reduction of their sales.

The raw material imports cut, though to be kept to a minimum, will inevitably imply some unemployment this winter.

Armed Forces

Cuts in the armed forces will probably take the form of a speed-up in the present demobilisation scheme. Well-informed circles regard this as particularly likely in Central Europe where the British forces in Austria and Venezia Guilia are consuming large amounts of dollars for their equipment.

The remnant of British troops in Greece is certain to be brought home quickly and measures will presumably be taken to break the transport bottleneck which has led to a "piling up" of homeward bound troops in the Suez Canal Zone.

Any drastic change of British commitments in Germany where dollar cost arises not from the occupation forces but from the British share in the feeding and rehabilitation of the derelict industrial areas is unlikely to take place unless the present effort to persuade the United States to accept a large share of the financial burden has definitely failed—an effort in which Mr. Bevin himself is expected personally to take a hand in the near future.—Reuter.

POLIO OUTBREAK IN BRITAIN

London, July 31.

Last week's total of reported cases of infantile paralysis was expected to be not less than 300, although there was nothing to suggest any outbreak of epidemic proportions spreading from a single centre, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the Minister of Health, announced in the House of Commons today.

The total number of cases for the previous week, he said was 177.—Reuter.

Cigarette Caused Death Of 22 Women

Paris, July 31.

The Prefect of the Police today ordered a police investigation of the fire in Tourelles Prison which last night killed 22 women inmates.

"It is too early to say what caused it," he said.

"It might have been the result of one of the women throwing a lighted cigarette stub in one of the pots containing celluloid or lightning sparks might have been the cause."

The women were employed in making celluloid and plastic necklaces and inflammable materials were kept in the cells.

He said most of the dead were found lying on beds and had been burned, but there was little to indicate they had died from fumes.—United Press.

New Greek Complaint To U.N.

Lake Success, July 31.

The Greek delegation to the United Nations has filed a new complaint with the Security Council on the Balkans situation.

The new complaint is under Chapter 7 of the United Nations Charter which deals with the actions with respect to threat of breaches of peace and acts of aggression.

The Greek Foreign Minister, M. Tsaldaris, explaining the motives behind Greece's new complaint said tonight: "Truth cannot be vetoed.

"While appealing to the United Nations again, Greece is also appealing to world public opinion, trusting that all free peoples will support Greece's effort to insure that truth will prevail rather than the abuse of truth sought by Russia and her satellites."

M. Tsaldaris said that Soviet Russia's veto earlier this week has "paralysed" Security Council action, but he expressed confidence that Greece's new move in characterising the attacks on Greece as an outright aggression would be successful.

"Through the majority findings of the United Nations Commission of Inquiry, the world already knows the truth. Now we must make sure the truth prevails," he said.—Reuter.

Princess To Wed At Abbey

London, July 31.

The wedding of Princess Elizabeth, the heiress presumptive to the Throne, and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, RN, will take place at Westminster Abbey on November 20, it was officially announced from Buckingham Palace tonight.

The announcement followed this morning's formal consent to the marriage by the King at a meeting of the Privy Council at Buckingham Palace.

It is expected that the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Dean of Westminster, will solemnise the marriage.

It will be the first Royal wedding at Westminster Abbey since the late Duke of Kent was married there 13 years ago.

Gifts On Show

Arrangements have been made to display the Princess's wedding presents in the State Rooms of St. James Palace, where, following precedent, the public will be admitted to view them on payment of a sum to be devoted to charity.

Following the example of her two uncles, the Duke of Gloucester and the late Duke of Kent, the Princess will be married in November.

The engagement between Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, formerly Prince Philip of Greece, was announced on July 9, climaxing months of rumours and denials.

It was also reported that the Archbishop of York will be assisting in the service.—Reuter.

Peace Treaty Ratified

Rome, July 31.

The Italian National Assembly, with the Communists abstaining, approved ratification of the peace treaty with the Allies by a vote of 262 to 68. Approval was given on condition of ratification by all the Allied powers.

The non-Communist government of Premier Alcide de Gasperi had led a lengthy fight for immediate ratification in the hopes of placing Italy on an equal footing with the other powers at international conferences.

A secret vote followed weeklong condemnation of Italian foreign policy by Leftists who maintained that Italy was too favourable toward the United States and was taking an anti-Soviet attitude.—United Press.

Judgment On 'Queen Mary' Collision

London, July 31.

A full Court of Appeal ruled on Wednesday that the giant British liner "Queen Mary" was one-third to blame for a collision with the British cruiser "Curacoa" off the Donegal coast on October 2, 1942.

The "Queen Mary" had 10,000 Britain-bound United States troops on board and the cruiser was providing anti-aircraft protection.

Wednesday's decision, laying only two-thirds of the responsibility on the "Curacoa," was by 2 to 1 ruling. The Admiralty appealed after an Admiralty Court held that the cruiser was entirely to blame.

Each ship, the majority opinion said, failed to appreciate what the other ship was doing.

Both failed to keep a proper lookout.

The decision ordered the apportionment of costs on a 2 to 1 basis and granted leave to appeal to the House of Lords.—Associated Press.

Around The World

July 21.

CASTELGANDOLFO:—Pope Pius reached his summer residence at 1030 today after an uneventful short automobile trip from the Vatican.

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LONDON:—The King today gave an audience to the new Cuban Minister, Dr. Miguel Antonio Riva, who presented his credentials.

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BIRMINGHAM:—Mayor and Mrs. W. Cooper Green of Birmingham, Alabama, left today after a five-day goodwill visit. In a farewell message, Mr. Green expressed thanks for Birmingham hospitality and said he hoped a programme of cultural exchanges could be worked out between [illegible].

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STOCKHOLM:—The newspaper "Stockholm Tidningen" reported today that a 24-year-old woman was changed into a man by an operation at Sabbatsberg Hospital recently and that the Cabinet tomorrow would consider the petition to assume the masculine name. The hospital refused to comment on the affair, citing the patient's rights.—United Press.

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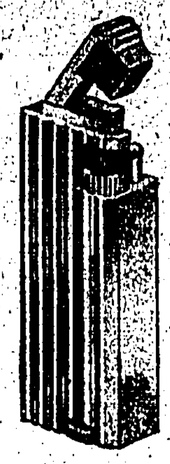

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STOCK EXCHANGE SLUMP
Another Bad Day In City Of London
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London, July 31.

The London stock markets spent another very bad day. After opening lower due to an overnight fall in prices after the official close of the Stock Exchange, conditions became a little steadier after the first hour but this state of affairs did not stop prices taking another downward turn when fresh selling orders were received from the provinces.

Prices steadily declined under this pressure until just before the close of the Stock Exchange, when a further fall in British Government securities caused other sections to fall back sharply.

To some extent, the realisation of British Government stocks was due to liquidation by industrial undertakings. Prices were widened to such an extent that Consols 2½% and Treasury 2½% were finally quoted on the basis of 83-85.

Today's fall was the result of nervousness as to what will be revealed and what measures will have to be adopted during the forthcoming Government statement in Parliament next week.

Quotations in the industrial share market were correspondingly widened and substantially lowered while dealing became difficult in some of the outside issues.

Oil Shares

The oil share market also participated in today's weakness, Anglo-Iranians, for instance, dropping another 10/- to £9-3/8.

Business and interest in other markets was of very small proportions. For a while, the mining sections resisted but later some of the more prominent gold and copper shares came on offer in order to meet losses incurred elsewhere.—Reuter.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Aug. 1.

The Stock Market ended July with a substantial although slow recovery move that enabled leading stocks to get back fractions to three or more points of their recent relapse. Transfers totalled 840,000 shares. Buying was attributed to short covering and timid investment demand based on the idea that a healthy technical correction had been completed.

Gainers included Commonwealth and Southern, American Rolling Mill, Caterpillar Tractors, Santa Fe, Douglas Aircraft International Silver, Allied Chemical.

Dow Jones averages:—Stocks 65.45; 20 Industrials 183.18; 15 Rails 49.90; 10 Utilities 35.65.

Closing quotations:—

Adams Express 16¼, Alaska Juneau 5, American Can 91¼, American Smelting 60¾, American Telephone 150¾, American Tobacco 76½, American Waterworks 10½, Anaconda Copper 30⅝, Aviation Corp. 5⅝, Baldwin Locomotive 18⅝, Barnsdall 28¾, Bendix Aviation 31½, Bethlehem Steel 90½, Boeing Aircraft 16, Borden Co. 42⅛, Canadian Pacific 12½, J. I. Case 37¾, Chrysler 59⅜, Colgate 45, Commercial Solvents 25, Corn Products 66¼, Dupont 191½, Eastman Kodak 47½, Electric Light & Power 17⅝, General Electric 38¼, General Motors 60⅝, Goodrich 53⅜, Goodyear 46¾, Greyhound 9½, Homestake Mining 44¼, International Harvester 88¼, International Paper 46⅝, International Tel & Tel 12½, Johns Manville 44, Kennecott Copper 45⅝, Montgomery Ward 62, National Distillers 21⅝, National Lead 33⅝, New York Central 15⅝, Packard Motors 5¼, Pan American Airways 10⅝, Radio Corp. 9, Republic Steel 27⅜, Reynolds Tobacco 41⅝, Schenley 29½, Sears Roebuck 39⅞, Shell Oil 33, Socony Vacuum 10¾, Southern Pacific 44⅝, Standard Brands 30⅝, Standard Oil of Calif. 60⅝, Standard Oil of N. J. 78½, Studebaker 22, Union Bag 33¼, Union Carbide 105¼, U.S. Rubber 48, U.S. Steel 74½, U.S. Lines 22¾, Westinghouse 29, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 67⅞, Gen. Pub. Utilities 14¼.—Associated Press.

JAPANESE SILK

Washington, Aug. 1.

Because Japan's pre-war customers do not want as much raw silk as they used to, Japan is going to be allowed to keep more of it for her weaving industry.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation announcing this today, said the Japanese weaving industry will be allowed to use $10,000 bales monthly that heretofore have been reserved for export by occupation authorities.—Associated Press.

FARM BILL PASSED

London, July 31.

The House of Lords tonight gave a third reading to the Agriculture Bill, which guarantees prices and markets and provides for the "modernisation and supervision of the agriculture industry, and the Electricity Bill, which brings under State control all of Britain's hundreds of local electricity undertakings.

Both these bills have been altered by the House of Lords, in which there is a big Conservative majority. The amendments made in the Upper Chamber will be considered by the House of Commons on Monday and Tuesday.—Reuter.

'Queen Mary' Back On The Run

Southampton, July 31.

With 2,000 passengers in holiday mood, the Cunard White Star liner "Queen Mary," sailed for New York today on her first postwar run as a regular passenger liner.

The 81,000-ton war veteran, which carried close to 750,000 American troops as a transport, was played down Southampton Water by the Southampton Docks and Marine Band to begin her "second maiden voyage". Aircraft circled overhead as the beflagged ship left the dockside.

"The ship is in excellent condition and I am very pleased with her," her commander, Captain C. G. Illingworth, said just before she sailed. "She is a great credit to the men who carried out her refit under very difficult conditions."— United Press.

Global Economic Survey

Washington, Aug. 1.

A 16 member special House committee named by Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Republican, to undertake an unprecedented global survey of what can be done to get the world back on its feet economically will centre its survey on Europe.

Representative Herter, directing the study as vice chairman of the special group, told reporters on Thursday that the committee hopes to obtain information on the Near, Mid and Far East from other Congressional committees going abroad.

The Commerce Committee meanwhile tried to arrange transportation for its members. One group is scheduled to make one trip to Scandinavian countries, then on through Europe, the Middle East, India, China and home.

Another proposed trip would go westward to Japan and home by way of Europe.—Associated Press.

H.K. Stock Exchange

A busy week has again to be reported. Profit-taking induced caution on the part of buyers, who have been content to bide their time and have filled their requirements at their own prices. This attitude has caused some shading of quotations compared with those ruling at the beginning of the week, with the exceptions of Star Ferries and Hong Kong Electrics, both of which have registered considerable gains. In spite, however, of the drop in quotations there is evidence that financial power is not lacking to absorb any offerings that appear attractive.

H.K. Govt. Loans: 4% Loan X. Int. 106b; 3½% Loan 101b.

Banks: H.K. & S. Bank X.D. 1980s, 2000/1990ss, (Lon. Reg.) £117b X.D., £113½n; Chartered Bank £11½n; Mercantile Bank A. & B. £23½n; Bank of East Asia 110b.

Insurances: Canton Ins. 180b; Union Ins. 800n; China Underwriters 4½b, 5s. 4½ss; H.K. Fire Ins. 280b.

Shippings: Douglases X.D. 240n; H.K. & M. Steamboats 16b; Indo Chinas (Pref.) 101n, (Def.) 870n; Shells (Bearer) 98/8n; Union Waterboats (Old) 43½b, (New) 30¾n.

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Mining: Raub Mines 7s; H.K. Mines 6cts. s.

Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.: H. & S. Hotels X.D. 25b, 25⅛s, 24.90/25ss; H.K. Lands (Old) 81½s, 81½/82/81ss, (New) 80n, (Rights) 26b; Shanghai Lands 8¾b; Humphreys Estates 25½b, 26½s; H.M. Realties 16¾s; Chinese Estates 190n.

Public Utilities: H.K. Tramways 26¼b, 26¾s, 26½/¾/¼/½ss; Peak Trams (Old) 11s, (New) 8n; Star Ferries 136b, 140s, 135½/37ss; Yaumati Ferries 31n; China Lights (Old) 19b, 19¼s, 19ss, (New) 13½b, 13¾s; H.K. Electrics 80½b, 76/81ss; Macao Electrics 22¾b; Sandakan Lights 18s; Telephones (Old) 47b, 47½s, 47½/47/47½ss, (New) 35½p, 35½/35ss.

Industrials: Canton Ices 7¾n; Cements (X. Rts.) 32b, 32¾s, 32½ss, (Rights) 20b, 21s, 21ss; H.K. Ropes 21s.

Stores &c.: Dairy Farms 35½s, 35½/35ss; Watsons 65b, 67s, 65ss; Lane, Crawfords 56½ss; Sincere 10¾b; China Emporium 14½s Converted; Sun Co., Ltd. X.D. 8½ss; Kwong Sang Hong 210n; Wing On (H.K.) 145n; Wm. Powell, Ltd. 6n.

Miscellaneous: China Entertainments 36b; H.K. Constructions (Old) 7¼s, (New) 6n; Vibro Piling 6¾n; Marsman Investments 12/8n; Marsman (H.K.) 1/6n. Cottons: Ewos 8¼b.

Shanghai Cost Of Living

Shanghai, Aug. 1.

The living cost index—the basis on which most of the employees in Shanghai get paid—took another jump yesterday when the city government announced the figures 28,700 for labourers and 23,700 for white-collared employees.

This means that a worker drawing, say, CN$100 basic pay gets July wages totalling CN$2,870,000.

The city government explained that the reasons for the increase of indices are the hike in rent and public utilities rates.—United Press.

U.S. EXPORTS

Washington, Aug. 1.

American exports in June slumped 13 percent below May's record.

The Census Bureau, reporting that June shipments were $180,000,000 below the May peak of $1,422,000, called it "the first substantial interruption in the recent rising trend of exports."—Associated Press.

Tokyo, Aug. 1.

The 978 [illegible] population of Japan rose another forward step in May, when the population recorded 301,070 higher than [illegible] Natural [illegible] Tokyo [illegible]

Oslo, Aug. 1.

An American military plane carrying Josiah Marvel, U.S. United States Ambassador to Denmark, crashed today after landing on the runway at Oslo airfield. The Ambassador [illegible]

Disaster Threat From Food Paradox

Washington, July 31.

The Director General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, Sir John Orr, said today that the food paradox threatens a disaster for the prosperous as well as the war-devastated nations.

In his annual report to member nations, he warned the board that measures must be taken at their Geneva, Switzerland, conference on August 25 to solve this paradox:

1. The world is just as short of food as it was a year ago and hungry nations are still in a desperate situation.

2. The United States and other exporting nations suddenly may be confronted with a surplus of food that cannot be marketed.

He said the war-devastated nations cannot hope for economic development or social and political stability until their food shortages are solved. Steps must be taken to provide such nations with agricultural equipment, fertilizer and other requisites for the next harvest or a severe food shortage will last for at least two years more.

On the other hand, the efforts of exporting nations to step up production to meet such shortages eventually will result in huge surpluses that cannot be sold.

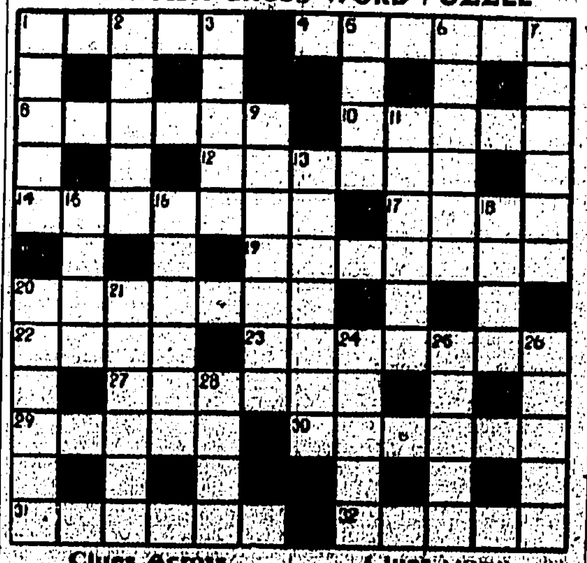
Surplus Threat

Sir John continued:—"Already a surplus of food threatens and surpluses of cereals, sugar and certain other products may soon appear. Unless measures are taken in advance to deal with these surpluses, they will again bring ruin and misery to millions of land workers and will endanger the stability of the whole economic system."

Looking still further ahead, he said the conference also faced the problem of whether the earth will be able to produce food production to support its population. On the basis of a probable increase of world population, food production would have to be doubled in the next 25 years to provide everybody with a diet capable of maintaining health and working efficiency.

But, he added, the earth's top soil is being washed away at the rate of hundreds of thousand of acres a year.—United Press.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1. Track.
4. Bomb-hole.
8. Tree.
10. Boundary.
12. Soften.
14. Free from dirt.
17. Rank.
19. Paint-mixing board.
20. Wandered.
22. Warmth.
23. In the middle.
27. Church room.
29. Dwell.
30. Expressed pleasure.
31. Detective.
32. Lay off.

Clues Down

1. Subject of discussion.
2. Sufficient.
3. Acquire knowledge.
5. Part.
6. Small bird.
7. Withdraw.
9. Esteem.
11. Closely occupied.
13. Chiefs.
15. Deceased.
16. Loosened.
18. Volcano.
20. Clips.
21. Gorge.
24. Beautiful Maiden.
26. Vexed.
28. Gatecrasher's residence.
29. Denomination.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across:—4. Hampered; 8. Root; 9. Indolent; 11. Cadbury; 12. Bury; 15. Imitated; 16. Mirror; 17. Boat; 18. Pinched; 19. Dullard; 21. Ruse; 22. Ruler; 24. Ruffle; 25. Ruffian; 26. Ruffle; 27. Ruffle; 28. Ruffle; 29. Ruffle; 30. Ruffle; 31. Ruffle; 32. Ruffle.

Down:—1. Chit; 2. Book; 3. Ado; 4. Hamlet; 5. Mirror; 6. Dutch; 7. Admit; 10. Bury; 13. Mirror; 14. Mirror; 15. Mirror; 16. Mirror; 17. Mirror; 18. Mirror; 19. Mirror; 20. Mirror; 21. Mirror; 22. Mirror; 23. Mirror; 24. Mirror; 25. Mirror; 26. Mirror; 27. Mirror; 28. Mirror; 29. Mirror; 30. Mirror; 31. Mirror; 32. Mirror.

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LT. SHRIGLEY GIVEN A LAST DRINK OF WATER

Old Japanese Custom

Sgt. Major Morino Sakuzo, who testified before No. 7 War Crimes Court yesterday, said that before his death, Lieut. Shrigley was given a last drink of water in accordance with an old Japanese custom.

Sgt. Major Matsuyama Hiroshi, who is also on trial, told the Court that in pursuance of the policy of kindness laid down by Ushiyama, he not only gave extra food, cigarettes and other articles to a suspect, but also went to the trouble of giving the man a shave.

Morino and Matsuyama are, together with Captain Ushiyama Yukio and Sgt. Major Ishiyama Kakue, charged with being concerned in the ill-treatment of persons in custody at the Western District Gendarmerie Headquarters between Dec. 30, 1941, and Feb. 17, 1945.

Morino said that on the day of Lieut. Shrigley's suicide, a telephone message was received at about 9.30 a.m. to the effect that Lieut. Shrigley had jumped over the verandah and was in a dying condition. Morino said that he went to the spot where Lieut. Shrigley was lying. Among those present were Ushigai, Komino, Lai Chung-yiu, Dr. Ramler and one of the guards.

Shortly afterwards, a Medical Officer from Headquarters arrived. Attempts were made to revive Lieut. Shrigley by means of artificial respiration. He died after arrival of the Medical Officer.

Before his death Lieut. Shrigley was given a last drink of water, in accordance with an old Japanese custom. After his death, he was wrapped up in a clean piece of cloth from head to foot and then placed in a coffin. This coffin was subsequently taken to the POW Camp at Shamshuipo.

Morino said that Lieut. Shrigley was never tortured during the period of his detention at the Western Gendarmerie Headquarters. Morino also denied Lai Chung-yiu's allegations that Emil Landau was burnt with lighted cigarette butts.

Parcels

He declared that detainees were at no time deprived of their food by way of punishment. In addition to the fixed scale of rations, detainees were also permitted to receive parcels of foodstuff, clothing and other daily necessities from friends outside.

Cross-examined, Morino agreed that he was an experienced interrogator. He did not carry out any interrogations because there were other experienced interrogators on duty at the time of his arrival.

Morino admitted that he was Chief of the Special Branch from May 18, 1944. At first, cases were allotted for interrogation by another Sergt. Major. When he became familiar with the work of the Section, he took over the allotment of interrogations.

Morino agreed that he was responsible for the proper carrying out, by his subordinates, of interrogations. He maintained that no member of the Kempei staff was authorised to effect an arrest or carry out an interrogation without his previous knowledge and consent. There was, however, one case in which certain Kempei staff violated the law in this respect. This was the case of Lieut. Shrigley, who was arrested by Ushigai and Komino of their own accord.

Maps

Morino said that the case of Lieut. Shrigley, which concerned hidden arms, maps and Regimental Colours, was an important one. When he instituted enquiries as to why Ushigai and Komino had carried out the arrest of Lieut. Shrigley on their own accord, they gave him certain explanations, but he was not clear about these.

Morino said that when he arrived at the spot where Lieut. Shrigley was lying after the latter had jumped from the verandah, he ordered Dr. Ramler back to his cell.

Sgt. Major Matsuyama Hiroshi said that he carried out the interrogation of Chau Man-kwong with kindness. In accordance with the instructions of Ushiyama. The interrogation was carried out in such a manner as to soften Chau's heart.

When he interrogated Chau, the latter asked for more food and some sweets. Morino said he gave Chau three meals a day as a special favour. He also gave Chau cigarettes, tea and soap and allowed him to wash himself and his clothes. Morino claimed that in pursuance of the policy of kindness laid down by Ushiyama, he even went to the trouble to giving Chau a shave and of supplying him with underwear.

Morino denied having tortured Chau, who was arrested as a result of having been betrayed by Lai Chung-yiu. On July 15, 1944, Chau was handed over to the Military Court authorities. Morino said that, in order to obtain information regarding Chau Man-kwong's activities, he had ordered Chau's wife to be arrested. Morino said that he intended to take Chau's wife back to the Gendarmerie, but as she was a woman and had a baby, he took pity on her and did not do so. His attitude towards Chinese was one of kindness. As regards Europeans, he gave the same treatment to all. [illegible]

Shanghai Police Demonstrate

Shanghai, Aug. 1.

Municipal policemen mounted trucks and demonstrated through the main streets today, demanding immediate satisfaction of the police-gendarmerie gun battle on Sunday.

Mayor K.C. Wu called for a halt of irresponsible activities.

Most policemen were at their post wearing black armbands in mourning for their slain comrades.

A three-man investigation team, representing the Mayor, the Municipal police and the MPs, is reported to be questioning U.S.N. Shore Patrol officer W.C. Terif and the two Shore Patrol sailors riding in the jeep which was struck by a bullet to decide who opened fire first.—United Press.

No Japanese Peace Treaty At All?

San Francisco, Aug. 1.

The San Francisco Chronicle said editorially today that the United States is going to have to make a choice between getting a Japanese peace treaty written and getting no treaty at all.

It added: "Forces working toward the second alternative are gaining impetus day by day. The decision to pound a treaty into shape in spite of these forces will be a hard one to make. Yet it must be made if the Far East is to escape the same chaos-breeding impasse that has been paralysing Europe."

The Chronicle asserted: "We are not for a soft peace for Japan; we are merely for the earliest possible peace of whatever kind is dictated by all considerations because the economic health of Japan and the whole Orient will continue to deteriorate up to the moment the treaty is signed."

The Chronicle, referring to the recent proposals of some Allies to give the Big Power Foreign Ministers jurisdiction in the preliminary Japanese peace treaty discussions said, "if this means each Foreign Minister will be invested with the power of veto over the treaty and any or all of the provisions, that is a deal the United States cannot afford to enter."

Playing Solitaire

The newspaper asserted that the expert counsel of the Big Power Foreign Ministers would probably be extremely helpful "but the United States should lay down the condition in advance that the veto is inoperative. With that condition laid down in advance, each nation would have its choice between bringing to the meeting a willingness to compromise or staying away from the meeting entirely.

Such nations as attended on those terms would necessarily perceive that the overriding consideration is to restore trade and economic stability in the Orient and would cooperate toward that end. And it is our private guess that such nations as declined to participate on that basis and refused to sign the resulting treaty would eventually have to climb on the band wagon for otherwise they would find themselves playing profitless solitaire while the Oriental economy rolled along without them. — Associated Press.

Nanking, Aug. 1.

Several members of the State Council recommended that China dispatch a special mission to India before August 15 to congratulate the Indians on their independence.—Associated Press.

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Seattle, Aug. 1.

The "Gretna Victory" has arrived from Yokosuka and the "Newcastle Victory" has sailed for Yokohama.—Associated Press.

San Francisco, Aug. 1.

The "Edward R. Squiff" arrived on Wednesday from Yokohama.—Associated Press.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE
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GENERAL HOLIDAY

On Monday, Aug. 4, 1947, The General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to Noon, and the other Branch Post Offices will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

There will be one delivery of Ordinary and Registered correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from the Pillar-Boxes.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Airmail for Manila P.I., Honolulu, U.S.A. and Canada, Kowloon C.P.O., (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.; G.P.O., (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

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Shanghai, 9 a.m.

Amoy, 10 a.m.

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Straits, Ceylon, India, Egypt & Europe via Liverpool, Kowloon C.P.O., (Par.) 4.30 p.m. 1/8, (Reg.) 9 a.m. 4/8, (Ord.) 9.30 a.m. 3/8; G.P.O., (Par.) 5 p.m. 1/8, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. 1/8 (Ord.) 10 a.m. 4/8.

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Straits and Rangoon, 3 p.m.

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New Territories and if was not known when he would return.

Morino said that he intended to take Chau's wife back to the Gendarmerie, but as she was a woman and had a baby, he took pity on her and did not do so. His attitude towards Chinese was one of kindness. As regards Europeans, he gave the same [illegible]

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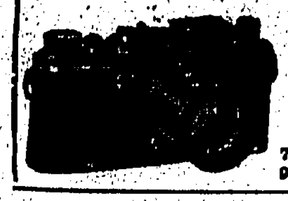

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Goodwood Cup

Premier Prize Goes To French Horse

Goodwood, July 31.

To France went the premier prize of Goodwood's four-day meeting when Monseur L'Amiral, six-year-old son of Admiral Drake, won the coveted Goodwood Cup over two miles five furlongs.

Unfortunately, the race was robbed of much of its glamour by the last-minute absence (owing to leg injury) of the British champion stayer, Reynard Voland.

Odds of one to two were laid on Monsieur L'Amiral, who won the Queen Alexandra Stakes at Ascot, but while he won comfortably, he did not win easily, a length being the judges' verdict over the three-year-old, Sea Lover, with Roscoff, another French-bred, a head away third of four runners.

Although the Goodwood Cup is the second longest race in the British racing calendar, the judges had to call for a photograph before deciding the second and third.

Another huge 50,000 crowd watched the day's racing in sweltering heat. Followers of the champion jockey, Gordon Richards, went home pleased with themselves as he rode three winners at nice odds. The shortest priced of these was the Aga Khan's El Hawa. This handsome Hyperion colt scored a clever win in the Rous Memorial Stakes for two-year-olds over six furlongs at nine to four. He may be the best of his age in the Indian Prince's stable.

Richards' backers got 13 to two about The Bite, which beat a large field in the Foxall Stakes for two-year-olds over six furlongs. The champion rode a vigorous finish to get this son of Denturius home a length and a half.

Third Win

Richards' third win was on the four-year-old sprinter, Belisarius, a grey son of Bellacose. He started at six to one for the five furlong Singleton Handicap, due to the furore for the Gaekwar of Baroda's Maharaj Kumar. This son of Stardust started at eight to 15, but was not in the first three of seven runners.

To Lord Irwin went the Challenge Trophy, presented by Lord Derby for the Arundel Castle Private Sweepstakes for two-year-olds over six furlongs through his smart filly, Star Blossom, ridden by Edgar Britt.—Reuter.

Services Waterpolo

Several changes have taken place in the league table this week. Navy "A" still maintain their one hundred per cent record, but the R.A.F. team are simply thirsting for the leader's blood, and everyone is looking forward to the return match between these two teams.

They have both improved their goal average during the last week, and it is on this account that the R.A.F. have climbed above Buffs "A" who dropped two valuable points against the very much improved H.Q. Land Forces Team.

At the other end of the table "Navy "B" and Buffs "B" are having a rare struggle, they are at present separated by the narrowest of margins.

The Devons "B" team have had to withdraw at the half-way stage —a great pity as they had shown great enthusiasm despite constant defeats.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Navy "A"	8	8	0	0	55	2	16
R.A.F.	6	5	1	0	42	7	10
Buffs "A"	8	5	3	0	27	14	10
H.Q. L.F.	7	3	3	1	17	25	7
Devons "A"	7	3	3	1	14	23	7
Buffs "B"	7	2	5	0	10	30	4
Navy "B"	8	2	6	0	9	33	4

Tom Blower Is Puffed

Belfast, July 31.

Tom Blower, of Nottingham, who this week made history by becoming the first man to swim the North Channel from Ireland to Scotland, has had to turn down an invitation to compete in the $10,000 long-distance swim at the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto on August 27.

Blower, who has also swum the English Channel, got such a buffeting during his swim that he could not be ready in time for the Canadian event, his manager, Mr. R. E. Ashworth, said today.

Ashworth added that Blower hoped later to accept cabled invitations to visit Canada and the United States.

It is understood that an American swimmer, so far not named, may shortly attempt the North Channel crossing.—Reuter.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m. H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Artie Shaw and His Orchestra in a Variety Programme.
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—Kate Smith and Steve Conway (Vocal).
1.30 p.m.—Studio: "The Blind Mice" featuring Alfie Lazzeri (Drums), Don Bacon (Clarinet) and Teddy Gerald (Piano).
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.30 p.m.—Reuben Solomon and His Jive Band.
6.45 p.m.—London Relay: Parliamentary Summary: Colonial Affairs.
7.00 p.m.—Studio: "Unit Requests", Bill Viccary calling — Stonecutter's Range, H.M.S. "Tamar".
8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.
8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.
8.15 p.m.—Cole Porter Favourites.
8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Double Decker" — Part 6. A Comedy Thriller with Naunton Wayne and Basil Radford.
9.00 p.m.—Beethoven's Sonata in C Minor "Pathetique", Wilhelm Backhaus.
9.15 p.m.—Gladys Swarthout (Soprano), Walter Gieseking (Piano) and the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra.
10.45 p.m.—[illegible]
10.15 [illegible]

EITHER . . . OR

New York, Aug. 1.

Representative Charles A. Eaton of New Jersey, chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, said today that the United States must warn Russia to stop her world conquest attempts or face ostracism from the United Nations and possibly war.

Wrote Eaton in the American Magazine "I think we can still block Russia with psychology; if we do not we must defeat her by force of arms. It is time that we told her so."—Associated Press.

Tennis

Prague, July 31.

Tom Brown, the United States runner-up at Wimbledon, Torsten Johansson and Lennart Bergelin, the Swedish Davis Cup pair, and Jaroslav Drobny, the Czechoslovak number one, reached the semi-finals in the mens' singles of Czechoslovak lawn tennis championships here today.

Brown will now meet Johansson and Bergelin will oppose Drobny.

In the quarter-finals today, Brown beat V. Czanik, a Czech, 6-3, 6-8, 6-4; Johansson beat Sibay, a Czech, 4-6 6-1, 6-0; Bergelin beat W. Skorecki of Poland, 4-6, 8-6, 6-4 and Drobny beat Jack Harper of Australia, 4-1, 6-3.—Reuter.

Joe Louis To Risk His Title

New York, July 31.

The lack of high grade talen in the world heavyweight division was obvious today. The world heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, is scheduled for a 10-round non-title fight against the negro, Jersey Joe Walcott, at Madison Square Garden on November 14.

Walcott, the 32-year-old father of six children, holds the best record among the heavyweights, including a knockout over Jimmy Bivins and decisions over Joe Baksi and Elmer Ray.

This non-title fight is the first of two planned by Louis before the next outdoor season. The second match against an opponent to be selected is tentatively scheduled for March.

The fight is to be recognized as a non-title bout by both the New York State Athletic Commission and the National Boxing Association because it is scheduled for only 10 rounds instead of the championship 15.

If Walcott should knock Louis out, however, he will immediately become the champion because he triumphed in less than the scheduled distance. This hazard is recognized and accepted by Louis and the 20th Century Club, which has the champion under contract.—United Press.

Stanley Prison Trouble

A statement issued by Government yesterday confirmed reports of trouble at Stanley Prison which, it said, were due to prisoners' demands for increased diet being refused.

The statement said:—

"There had from time to time been complaints from the prisoners serving short sentences on account of their diets being smaller than those of long-term prisoners. These complaints have been investigated, but it has been found that the diets of short-term prisoners are adequate.

"As a result of their demand for an increased diet being refused a disturbance amongst about 1,000 short-term prisoners in D, E, and F halls was started at about 11 a.m. on July 20. By 12.15 p.m. the disturbance had been brought under control, ten prisoners receiving minor injuries in the process. Two ringleaders have been punished.

"The report that daggers were found in the possession of prisoners on this occasion was incorrect. No daggers had been found during the past fortnight, althtugh continued searches during the preceding month revealed 150 improvised weapons of various kinds."

HOW ABOUT A GONG?

Firing of the noon-day signal at Jardine's East Point Godowns, which many residents expected would be resumed did not take place.

Enquiries made by the "China Mail" elicited the information that the firing of the signal by the new naval six-pounder saluting gun was not possible, as the chronometer had not yet arrived from Home.

IRC BOWLS TEAM

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club against the Kowloon Bowling Green Club in a return friendly bowls game on Sunday at 4 p.m. at Austin Road:—

M. I. Razack, S. A. Hussain, A. R. Minu, J. Hoosen (skip) M. B. Hassan, A. J. Hussain, A. M. Rumjahn, U. A. Rumjahn (skip); A. R. Abdulrahman, S. S. Hussain, S. Yusuf, A. M. Wahab (skip); K. M. Rumjahn, L. R. Abdulrahman, A. A. Razack, S. M. Rumjahn (skip).

Players are to meet at the H.K. Star Ferry Wharf at 3.30 p.m.

SIX LITTLE WICKETS, LAID IN A ROW

London, July 31.

Derbyshire bowlers refuse to be kept out of the news. Pope, Gladwin and Marsh each bowled himself into the limelight in recent matches, and today, against Leicestershire, it was the turn of A. E. Rhodes, the googly merchant.

Profiting from the fast drying wicket on which speed bowlers had toiled in vain, Rhodes took six wickets in a row, in addition to "popping" one which laid out the acting wicket-keeper, Albert Alderman.

Gloucestershire are using their friendly with a Services team to "firm up" their batting ready for the last lap of the County Championship. Bill Neale and J. Crapp both scored centuries off the moderate attack of the Services, and figured in a third wicket stand of 196.

In the match at Edgbaston (Birmingham), Warwickshire today beat the Scottish Cricket Union by four wickets, the visitors scoring 158 and 112 and the County team 290 and 62 for 6. Hollies, the Warwickshire right arm leg break slow bowler, took five Scottish wickets for 41 runs, while Maudsley, the County batsman, knocked up 90 in Warwickshire's first innings.

Scores

Close of play scores in the County matches today were:—

At Chelmsford—Essex 182 and 301 (Avery 68; Laker, right arm medium off-spin, 7 for 94); Surrey 144 and 123 for 5 (Squires 53).

At Southampton—Glamorgan 343; Hampshire 149 (Arnold 54; Muncer, right arm leg break, 5 for 30) and 112 for 3 (Arnold 53).

At Leicester—Derbyshire 357 and 168 for 6 (Pope 77 not out); Leicestershire 216 (Riddington 50, Watshon 58; Rhodes, right arm fast, 6 for 78).

At Worcester — Worcestershire 398; Northamptonshire 196 and 171 for 6.

In a friendly match at Bristol, Gloucestershire beat a Combined Services XI by an innings and 21 runs. The County team scored 374 (Neale 109, Crapp 107; Sheriff 7 for 81), and the Services team replied with 219 and 134. Cranfield, the Gloucester right arm slow bowler, took four wickets for 55.—Reuter.

SEQUEL TO LORRY CRASH

Li Kwok-ping, 32, driver of lorry 6092, and Tsoi Kam-fuk, resident of Shumchun (Chinese Territory), were assisted into Court by traffic constables yesterday afternoon when hearing of the charges of careless driving and of carrying 12 passengers in excess of the six allowed was commenced before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr.

Divisional Superintendent J. I. Scrim, Kowloon Traffic Office, informed the Court that lorry 6092 was being driven along the Taipo Road, from Shatin to Kowloon, when the driver found himself unable to negotiate a right-hand bend. The vehicle dropped over the cliff and, of the 18 passengers carried, two were killed, and the remainder removed to Kowloon Hospital.

Accused, who was the driver at the time, suffered injuries to his legs, as did Tsoi Kam-fuk, while another passenger was injured in the head. The lorry, added DSI Scrim, was a total wreck. The accident occurred at about 11.30 a.m. on Thursday.

Tsoi Kam-fuk stated that he boarded the lorry at Sheung Shui and sat in the cab of the vehicle. There was another passenger between him and the driver. The lorry was proceeding normally until near Tin Sum, Shatin, when, trying to negotiate a right hand bend on the incline, the vehicle went straight ahead and plunged down the cliff.

Hearing will be continued on Aug. 4.

SWIMMING GALA

(By Natator)

The Victoria Recreation Club will be at home to the Chung Shing Benevolent Society tonight with an inter-club meet commencing at 9.27 p.m. which should provide spectators with some good entertainment.

As is customary in the V.R.C. inter-club competitions, the programme has been agreed on by mutual arrangement. Chung Shing, short of lady swimmers at the moment, are unable to put up a full team and only one event—the 50 yards free style—will be for women, the remaining events being for men and featuring three relay races.

Since their recent defeat by Lai Taun, the V.R.C. swimmers (especially the younger ones) have been training seriously. Judging by the times returned at the recent Kwangsi Flood Relief Gala, they have improved tremendously and should be able to emerge victors this evening.

The programme opens with the 3 x 50 yards medley relay race, with A. V. Lopes (back stroke), G. Roza-Pereira (breast stroke) and G. Saunders (free style) representing the V.R.C. against So Tim-mo, Chan Siu-cheung and Ng Nin of Chung Shing. The V.R.C. trio gave an impressive performance recently and should not find it difficult to collect the points for this event.

The highlight of the evening will be the 50 yards free style, in which G. Saunders and Ballerand will swim against the visitors.

Saunders cracked the Chinese National record a few days ago, clocking 27 seconds for 50 metres, which means his time for 50 yards under the same conditions was in the vicinity of 24-3/5—the Colony record.

It must be admitted that in the particular race in question, Saunders leaped from a starting position of over six feet above water level, thus gaining an advantage of 3/5 of a second.

Ballerand (V.R.C.) and Ng Nin (Chung Shing) who are also in this event, have been known to finish the distance in good time, and if Saunders is to win this event, he will be extended to the utmost.

Both the other two relays will be close affairs. The V.R.C. quartet—G. Saunders, Ballerand, G. Roza-Pereira and W. Lawrence—bettered the Chinese National Record for the 200 metres relay by no less than 9 seconds. Chung Shing's side of Ng Chun-man, Ng Nin, Chung Shiu-chee and Chan Siu-cheung are also known to have finished the distance under record time, and this race will be closely contested.

The following are the inter-club events:—

3 x 50 yards Medley Relay: A.V. Lopes, G. Roza-Pereira, G. Saunders (V.R.C.); So Tim-mo, Chan Siu-cheung, Ng Nin (Chung Shing).

220 yards Free Style: F. Monteiro, J. Yvanovich (V.R.C.); Kong Chung-on, Wong Kum-wah (Chung Shing).

50 yards Free Style: G. Saunders, Ballerand (V.R.C.); Ng Nin Ng Chun-man (Chung Shing).

100 yards Breast Stroke: G. Roza-Pereira, R. Thompson (V.R.C.); Yue Pin Fun (Chung Shing).

100 yards Back Stroke: A. V. Lopes, W. Lawrence (V.R.C.); Ng Nin, So Tim-mo (Chung Shing).

4 x 50 yards Free Style Relay: G. Saunders, Ballerand, G. Roza-Pereira, W. Lawrence (V.R.C.); Ng Chun-man, Ng Nin, Chung Shiu-chee, Chan Sui-cheung (Chung Shing).

50 yards Free Style (Women): C. Gutterres, T. Yvanovich (V.R.C.); Law Oi-mui, Lo Fung-man (Chung Shing).

4 x 100 yards Free Style Relay: F. Monteiro, J. Yvanovich, W. Lawrence, G. Roza-Pereira (V.R.C.); Ng Chun-man, Ng Nin, Chung Shiu-chee, Chan Sui-cheung (Chung Shing).

Harry Walker Leads Senior Circuit

New York, Aug. 1.

Harry Walker, who finished low in the National League batting parade last season, continues to lead the hitters of the senior circuit with a 348 average.

Despite the Philadelphia stars hot batting pace—10 hits in 27 times at bat last week—he lost seven points in his lead over runner-up Frank Gustine of Pittsburgh who had 329.

Another contender for the batting crown appeared in the race in Walker Cooper, husky New York catcher, who banged out 13 hits adding 19 points to bring his average to 323.

Johnny Mize, of New York, is in fourth place with 318 and Boston's fast climbing Tommy Holmes is fifth with 312. Others of the first ten are Carl Furillo (Brooklyn)—308; Ralph Kiner, Pittsburgh; Andy Pafko, Chicago; Johnny Jorgensen, Brooklyn and Augie Galdan, Cincinnati all tied at 307.

Mize led in runs batted in with 79 and homers with 30. Gustine is in front with total hits of 119.

Brooklyn's Jackie Robinson dropped out of the first 10 hitters but recaptured the runs scored lead with 65 and continues top field with 15 stolen bases.

Pitching feature of the week was Cincinnati was Ewell Blackwell's 16th straight victory. He boosted his strike out total to 128 and the season's won-lost record to 18—two respectively for an average of 900—Associated Press.

Games

New York, Aug. 1.

In the National League Brooklyn stretched its winning streak to 13 games on shortstop Pee Wee Reese's ninth inning single, scoring the winning run from second base on a fielder's choice. The Dodgers [illegible]

games series. The Cardinals are now 10 full games behind the leading Dodgers.

Cincinnati edged out New York 8-7. The Red's third sacker, Grady Hatton, spearheaded the attack with a triple and a homer.

Dutch Leonard held the Cubs to five scattered hits for a Philadelphia shoutout victory over Chicago, 3-0. Leonard was the complete master. He allowed only two runners to reach second and struck out six.

The Phillies' right fielder, Johnny Wyrostek, got a double and a homer.

Detroit at New York was postponed because of rain.

In the American League, homers by Manager Lou Boudreau and second sacker Joe Gordon scored all the Indian runs as Cleveland upset Boston 5-4.

In a last inning rally, Philadelphia beat Chicago 3-2.

Scores:—

National League

	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	2	10	2
St. Louis	1	7	1

Winning pitcher Vic Lombardi.

New York	7	13	3
Cincinnati	8	9	0

Winning pitcher Harry Gumbert.

Philadelphia	3	7	1
Chicago	2	6	1

[illegible]

American League

Cleveland	5	10	0
Boston	4	7	0

Winning pitcher Bob [illegible]

Philadelphia	3	6	0
Chicago	2	5	1

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Greece Lays Grave Charge Before UNO

Lake Success, July 31.

Greece today formally charged Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia with waging undeclared war against her and called on the Security Council to use force if necessary to end the aggression.

In the gravest charge yet laid before the Council, the Greek Foreign Minister, Constantin Tsaldaris, said Greece's three northern neighbours seriously threatened world peace, and that "enforcement action" under the strongest clauses of the United Nations Charter was now imperative.

M. Tsaldaris warned that a new Soviet veto in the Balkans case might make action outside the United Nations necessary to seal off Greece from alleged tampering by her Communist-governed neighbours.

In a letter brought from Washington, M. Tsaldaris claimed that Russia encouraged the three Communist-governed Balkans countries in their alleged aggression but he did not move to bring Russia within the range of a fresh complaint to the Security Council.

"The truth cannot be vetoed," M. Tsaldaris asserted.

The Greek action, approved in advance by the United States, was the Western powers' answer to Russia's veto of the United States plan for peace-keeping machinery in the Balkans.

Asia Commission

Mr. R.K. Nehru, Indian delegate to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, proposed that Britain request full membership for Burma and Ceylon in the Economic Commission for Asia.

Mr. Nehru favoured Britain's plan to ask for associate membership for the two countries, but said he believed all members, "especially representatives of Asian countries," should be granted full rights of membership, including the right to vote.

The Indian delegate, speaking in the plenary session of the Council, said he thought Britain should make the request "if only to encourage some of our more difficult colleagues who appear anxious to represent peoples of Asia against their will."—United Press.

China's 'Terms' For Treaty Talks

Nanking, Aug. 1.

China, which hopes to hold the Japanese peace treaty conference somewhere in this country, is insisting on a voting formula which would preclude Russia—or any other single nation—blocking the progress of the meeting.

Diplomatic sources say Chinese Foreign Office experts have drafted preliminary wishes as follows:

1—The formal treaty of peace shou'd be held somewhere in China, which was the nation which suffered most from Japanese aggression, probably in Shanghai.

2—All nations concerned in the war with the Japanese should be represented at the conference and not only those of the Big Four.

3—The voting procedure for the formal peace conference should require a majority vote of those present plus three-fourths vote of the so-called Big Four—America, Britain, China and Russia.

Such a procedure, these diplomatic sources pointed out, would particularly be effective in preventing any single nation using veto powers to stalemate the treaty confab.

Caution

A Foreign Office source to'd Associated Press that China's viewpoint on the question of the Japanese peace "is wholly one of caution. We are in no big hurry to sign the treaty with the Japanese. Memories of our suffering at the hands of Japan are too fresh to permit us to forget the dangers from new aggressions. We must be convinced the treaty would safeguard China as well as other Asiatic nations from future ambitions of the Japanese."

China's position, it is believed, will be presented to the preliminary conference in America expects [illegible]

[illegible] Nanking, Aug. 1. [illegible] Executive Yuan [illegible] Chinese Government [illegible] Washington to notify [illegible] Government that [illegible]

economic stability at home, is frankly apprehensive lest the treaty be the prelude to Japanese recovery economically, if not militarily, in the Far East.—Associated Press.

Communist Methods Of Infiltration

Perth Amboy, N.J., July 31.

Ferenc Nagy, ousted Premier of Hungary, addressing 20,000 persons at a mass labour meeting in a speech which was broadcast throughout the nation, today attacked Communism and its infiltration into Southeastern Europe.

Nagy reviewed the growth of the Communist Party in Hungary and accused the Communists of liquidating and jailing main opponents while at the same time "leaders of reaction were not only permitted to join the Communist Party but in many instances were entrusted with leading roles."

He said:—

"Under Communist pressure and on secret orders, the Communist leaders organized workers on many occasions in many cities, invaded municipal offices, beat up and forcibly ejected lawfully elected public servants and office holders."

But Nagy added: "[illegible] could not be [illegible] for [illegible] was discharged on the spot."

Nagy asserted [illegible] Communists [illegible] in appointed eliminated and abridged. And [illegible] years ago today [illegible] Party [illegible] of the people in all [illegible] countries are opposed to such a totalitarian way of life.

The Abyss

"Six years ago today the question uppermost in the minds of all humanitarian thinkers was 'Will the Western Democracies again forsake these long suffering peoples?' If they are permitted to sink into the Communist abyss, other victims will surely follow.

Nagy said that Communist cells, fellow travelers and quasi-liberals are already busy at work in every country [illegible] and boring from within [illegible] always in line with [illegible] issued by [illegible] Praha.